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Local Shippers Marking Time On N. China Traffic

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Local foreign shipping organisations are adopting a "wait and see" policy regarding resuming operations with Red-occupied Tientsin.

On the other hand, there have been persistent inquiries for cargo space to the Northern ports, including Tientsin and Chemulpo and Shingishiu, both in North Korea. Some local traders, with established connections at the recently Red-captured Nationalist city, predict an early resumption of trade between Hong Kong and Tientsin.

Chinese New Year Holidays

This week-end, because of the Chinese New Year celebrations, there will be no issue of the "Sunday Herald" and no "China Mail" on Monday morning.

Saturday's issue of the "China Mail" will contain many of the special features associated with the "Sunday Herald", including the pictorial supplement. Make sure that you get your copy!

Appeal To Resume Trade

The Chinese Democratic League's newspaper, "Wen Wei Po", has published an appeal to two of the Colony's prominent shipping firms to resume their trade routes to Tientsin in part.

James Matheson and Butterfield and Swire should give immediate consideration to the resumption of shipping services between Hong Kong and Tientsin.

"The resumption of such operations is not only beneficial to the two prominent firms but also to Chinese and foreign traders here."

"Far-sighted authorities should urge the companies to make a trial run to Tientsin to re-open the route for the sake of the Colony's economy."

Butterfield and Swire, which have properties and a large staff up North, reported yesterday that they have not received any communications since the Red entry.

"The only sensible course to adopt until the situation clarifies itself is to wait and see," a senior official declared.

The company operated the Hupui and Hunan on this run, but after an incident upriver when the Hupui suspended operations a month before the fall of the Nationalists.

However, it was reliably learned, the foreign personnel are safe and the company's extensive properties are intact.

Calling At Korea
In the meantime, "B. and S." ships plying between North China and Hong Kong are calling at Inchon and Pusan, both in American-controlled South Korea.

The same "wait and see" policy is shared by Jardine, Matheson, which reported being entirely cut off from Tientsin since its capture.

An official, however, stated that if conditions up North become normal, there is no reason why we should not resume our being intimidated.

Considerable Demand

Butterfield and Swire are putting their "biggest" craft, the Wusueh, on their Canton service, to join the Fatshan. An official said that with the recent Southward trek of personnel, properties and refugees from the war-threatened Northern cities, there is a considerable demand for cargo space.

The Wusueh, however, will continue with her week-end "holiday" trips to Macao.

With the expansion of this Canton trade, it was learned, several Chinese shipping firms at the Canton and have received threatening letters from some societies demanding "protection money."

These interviewed yesterday denied knowledge of the matter.

A prominent shipping official, however, declared that several shippers had already complied with the request. This could not be confirmed here.

The Kwangai Navigation Company, operating the Kwai Shan on this run, said the recent piracy attempt of their vessel had nothing to do with the prevailing rumour of the company being intimidated.

Separate Cease-Fire For Nanking Mooted CHIANG TO RETURN?

Nanking, January 26.

Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet decided this morning to move the Nationalist seat of Government from Nanking to Canton.

During a recess in the Cabinet meeting, the Inner Cabinet Minister, General Chang Chih-chung, told Reuter that all Government offices, including the Executive Yuan, would reopen in Canton on February 5.

Nanking's City Council, meanwhile, moved toward a separate cease-fire order today after the manner of Peiping. Councillors voted to send a delegation to the Communists if national negotiations bogged down.

President Li Tsung-jen, in accordance with his decision reported yesterday, will stay with some important high-ranking officials in Nanking to further the peace overtures. Communist forces were reliably reported this morning to be still pushing slowly Southward towards the Yangtze opposite threatened Nanking.

Retreating Government troops were reported blowing up bridges and destroying railway tracks North of their last outpost on the Northern bank of Pukow.

They are said to be avoiding clashes with the Communists and concentrating in the Nanking area, ready to defend the city in accordance with the Defence Ministry's spokesman's warning to the Communists issued last night.

Govt Resistance

This warning said that, should the Communists disregard the people's will for peace and continue their Southward drive, they would certainly meet strong Government resistance, and would be ruthlessly punished.

The Government, the warning said had already expressed its desire for peace and had evacuated such strategic points as Pengpu, Chashan and Yangchow since the Communists continued their Southward push.

The spokesman expressed the hope that the Communists, on their part, would halt any further Southern advance for early realisation of peace. He described the defence of the Yangtze as impracticable and revealed that preparations have been going on for its defence for the past six months.

The Communist Party's reply to the Government's peace overtures not to talk peace until Peiping had been completely liberated is reported to have been officially communicated to the Government a day before it was broadcast.

The Communist's reply is believed to have convinced Nationalist officials that the Communists intended to take Nanking before talking peace. Observers thought it was probably this view which today caused the Cabinet to decide to evacuate to Canton.

Chiang To Return?
Unimpeachable sources stated that should Li Tsung-jen's efforts to negotiate a peaceful settlement on a national scale fail, it is certain that Chiang Kai-shek would resume leadership from headquarters in Canton.

Meanwhile, Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet decided today to urge the Chinese Communist Party immediately to appoint delegates to peace negotiations and fix the place for discussions.

The decision followed a heated debate, in which Conservative Kuomintang Ministers urged the Prime Minister not to pursue

Reds Doubt Govt Sincerity

North Shenai, January 26. The Nationalist Government is only pretending acceptance of the eight point Communist peace plan, the North Shenai Communist Radio said tonight.

Behind this move, said the Red Radio, is the intention of the Kuomintang to make every effort to preserve the strength of the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek bloc, so that it may weather the current nation-wide revolutionary storms in safe tide.

The Nationalists hope to obtain a three month respite, in which to reorganise and activate dozens of divisions to continue the war, the Reds alleged.

Secretly, the Nationalists have ordered military reactivation of these units under orders from Ku Chu-tung, the Red Radio said.—Associated Press.

his attempts for peace negotiations with the Communists.

Most members, however, voted for continuance of the Cabinet's peace policy.

A successor was not chosen to Mr. Peng Chao-hsien, whose appointment to the Nationalist five-man peace delegation was de-

clared yesterday to be unacceptable to the Communists.

It is understood that the Cabinet today decided to reduce the peace delegation to the remaining four members.

The meeting endorsed President Li Tsung-jen's promulgation of decrees introducing seven sweeping reforms in Nationalist China to improve the atmosphere for peace talks.

The Ministry of Communications was told to resume the postal service with Communist-held areas.

A plane was ready on Nanking's inner airfield today to fly the Nationalist four-man peace delegation on their final flight North to begin negotiations with the Communists.

Prospects Good
A secretary to the delegates has been appointed and the staff organised, including three radio operators.

Tonight, the delegates are expected to confer with Dr. Sun Fo about the final details of the Government's peace policy in anticipation of an early reply to the Communists to begin peace discussions.

Mr. Shao Li-tao, unofficial leader of the delegation, reported to the Cabinet today on his contacts in Shanghai with third party leaders to facilitate the opening of talks.

He said that prospects were good for an early beginning of discussions.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Optimism Over Greek Situation

Athen, January 25.

American observers consider that the Greek Government's military situation has not become more critical this winter despite the recent increase in destructive guerilla raids on outlying and unprotected towns and villages.

They are worried about the effect of the raids on civilian and military morale, but they do not regard them as guerilla leader General Markos would like—as a reflection on the condition and fighting ability of the Greek forces.

Within a little more than a month the Communists have brought fire and sword to three important provincial centres—Kardhissa, on the rich Thessaly plain, wool manufacturing Naoussa, just South of the Yugoslav border, and tiny Karpenisi, high in the barren reaches of the Western-Hindus mountains.

In these attacks General Markos has destroyed hundreds of houses, executed numbers of his enemies, increased by thousands Greece's terrible refugee total of 10 per cent of the population, brought unemployment to thousands, and increased the already considerable terror among Greeks living close to guerilla mountain lairs.

Markos has not succeeded, however, in gaining any success in the clash with the Greek Army. In these three major raids and in smaller ones, it was Markos, not the Army, who ran whenever there was even a possibility of battle.

American observers who were once over-optimistic are now about giving their views. But off-the-record and anonymously, these military advisers say Markos may be able to get away with his winter raids because of the southerly deployment of his 20,000 men, which puts all mountain guerilla concentrations just a few hours' forced march from comparatively vulnerable towns of the valleys and plains.

The Americans emphasise that vulnerability of these towns to guerilla attack is the crux of the problem. Because of the size of the Greek army, even with the increases repeatedly asked of the United States, only relatively small garrisons can be stationed in each town.

In wrestling with this problem, the American military advisers have worked out a solution—but it is not easy, of course. They have mapped out the following long-range programme:

(1) Better intelligence for information about intended Communist operations.

(2) Greater mobility of the army.

(3) A much more highly developed training of Greek combat units.—United Press.

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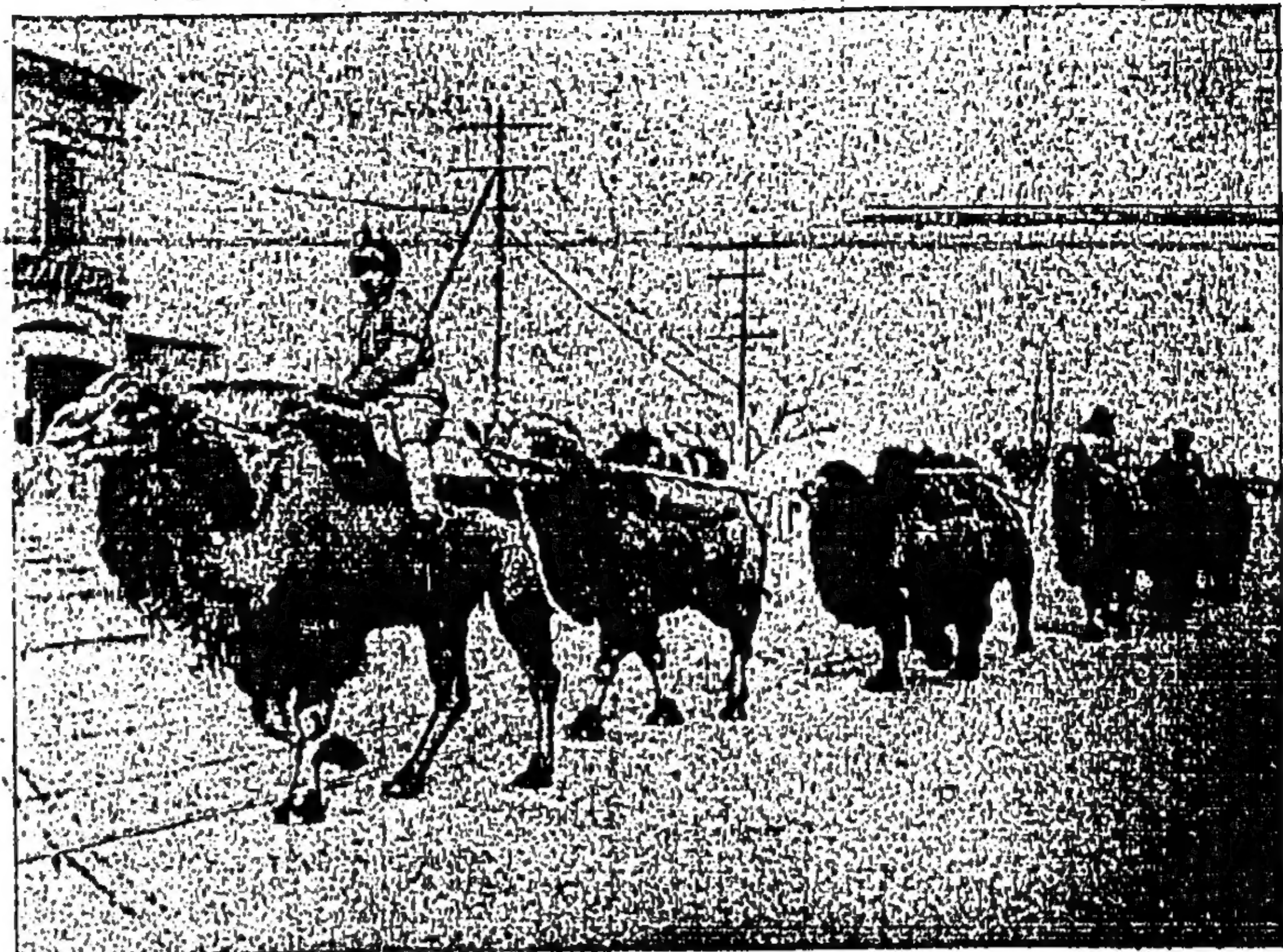
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Nationalist soldiers of General Fu Tso-yi on camel-back were a typical scene in Peiping before the surrender to the Communists. These soldiers are shown passing through Hatamen Street near the newly constructed airfield outside the former Legation Quarters.—AP Photo.

Nimitz Confident U.S. Can Hold Bases In Pacific

Washington, January 26.

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, former Navy Chief of Staff, is confident that the United States can render useless any enemy bases in the Far Western Pacific which may threaten the United States.

He declared that, with the exception of bases on the Asiatic mainland, the United States can hold any bases now under control in the Pacific in the event of any hostilities in the near future.

Admiral Nimitz made these statements in an interview with News Magazine on the global strategy to be pursued by the United States in the event of another war.

His remarks appear to indicate a belief that any bases on the China Coast seized by the Communists in the present drive can, if necessary, be liquidated, both as effective operational positions and as threats to America's present bases, apart from those such as Tientsin on the Chinese mainland.

Admiral Nimitz declared: "In my view the situation in the Middle East and in Western Europe will be of the greatest immediate importance and will require most of our attention and resources."

Sterilisation As Penalty

Los Angeles, January 26.

Mrs. George T. Brucks, aged 21, mother of four children, today agreed to undergo a sterilisation operation as penalty for beating her seven-month-old son to death.

She pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter, and Superior Judge Thomas L. Ambrose said he would grant her six years' probation if she would submit to sterilisation. He also ordered her to yield her unborn child and another boy to the probation authorities.

The decision to use sterilisation was made after the county probation officer reported that Mrs. Brucks has been having one child after another since she was 16.

Mrs. Brucks admitted beating the baby to death with her fist last October because he "kicked her nervous"—United Press.

Nordic Defence Talks A Failure?

Stockholm, January 25.

Swedish Parliamentary circles today considered that the Scandinavian defence talks in Copenhagen had failed, despite last night's communique, because the Swedes and Norwegians could not agree on the terms for an approach to the United States and Britain.

According to these sources, the Norwegians insisted that the Nordic countries should ask Britain and the United States for:

1.—The right to buy Anglo-American arms in peace-time.

2.—Anglo-American military aid if any of the three countries should be attacked.

3.—Collaboration between Scandinavia and the prospective North Atlantic Pact signatories, without the establishment in Scandinavia of peace-time bases by those nations.

The Swedes, on the other hand, while emphasising their readiness to declare war on any country which attacked Norway or Denmark, said they would not ask the United States and Britain for guarantees linking the Nordic countries with any group of great powers.

For this reason they wanted to ask Britain and America only for the right to make peace-time weapons purchases from them.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Halvor Lange, said in a broadcast today that the talks were not intended to come to any definite decisions but were meant to be purely for information.

In an interview with a Norwegian State broadcasting representative in Copenhagen, Mr. Lange stated that an agreement was reached on many points, but there were considerable differences of opinion on the conditions for and consequences of a possible Scandinavian defence union.

Ben-Gurion's Party Leads

Tel Aviv, January 26.

Israeli election officials announced today that the provisional Premier's, David Ben-Gurion, moderately Socialist Mapai Party received 36 per cent of the vote in yesterday's elections with half of the returns counted.

Observers said the returns virtually assured the return of Mr. Ben-Gurion as premier of the new coalition Government.

The Mapai or Labour Party is favourable to the West powers. The Mapham or Zionist United Workers Party, which is pro-Russian, received 18 per cent of votes counted.

The Mapham Party was in a neck and neck race for second place with the United Religious Group—a coalition of three orthodox religious parties which received 14 per cent of the precincts counted.

The party of the former underground group, Agudat Israel, received nine per cent.—United Press.

What's In a Name? —'Continuous Quality'

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (5 p.m. HKST) the anticyclone which covers Mongolia and the neighbourhood here is unchanged in intensity. A trough of low pressure extending from Kamchatka to Indonesia is moving Eastward.

Today's Forecast—Fresh S and NE winds. Fair. Rather colder. Tomorrow's weather—Fresh S and NE winds. Fair. Rather colder.

Maximum: 81.1 deg. F. Minimum: 68.8 deg. F. Sunshine: 6.7 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 2.0 mm (0.08 in.) as against an average of 56.7 mm (2.23 in.) for this time of year.

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"A 100 years ago the rule of a scintilla of evidence being sufficient was exploded and I will go so far as to say that the facts of this case are only consistent with Mr. Hsu's innocence."

So said Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, when he made his submissions before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida yesterday in the extradition case.

Mr. Potter said that his submission would be overlapping the submission already made by Mr. Leo d'Almeida KC, that there was no case to answer.

Mr. Eldon Potter was representing Hsu Chi-chung, who is wanted by the Chinese Government for alleged embezzlement of Government funds while Director-General of the Postal Remittance and Savings Bank and who is facing extradition proceedings.

Hsu is also defended by Mr. Leo d'Almeida KC, instructed by Mr. Marcus de Silva, Mr. A. Lonsdale in for the prosecution while Mr. Peter H. Sin is for the Chinese Government.

Commencing his submission yesterday, Mr. Potter said there was not then nor is there now any case for his client to answer and that the magistrate even after he had ruled that there was a case to answer, could change his mind, even after the case had been put to the jury.

"Facts Twisted"

He added with all due respect, that the ruling the magistrate made was perhaps a blessing in disguise, because it had brought about that remarkable cross-examination where there was no suggestion as to the guilt of the fugitive on any of the three charges.

Not one of the crucial points in these charges had been touched upon by Mr. Lonsdale, he said, and it was possible that Mr. Lonsdale felt that, as honourable gentlemen, he should in the state of the prosecution, not put the crucial points to Hsu in cross-examination.

He would like to believe that there were Mr. Lonsdale's honourable motives.

He submitted that he would not be merely defending Hsu but would be the accuser against the Nationalist Government of China in living produced perjured witnesses and twisted the true facts of the case.

Mr. Potter said that in the darkest days of the history of the colony, when it was under the heel of a ruthless enemy, Hsu, in June 1942, at the request of Mr. Gimson, took Government documents out of the colony for despatch to the British Government. He had been caught, said Mr. Potter, his fate could easily be surmised and he is now the man Crown Counsel is charging as a common thief.

"No Proof"

Continuing, he said that it is now suggested by the Nationalist Government of China that this

man, who had served the Government faithfully for 20 years and who had held high positions with honour, is nothing else but a common thief.

This suggestion said Mr. Potter was made without a scintilla of proof, on the evidence of perjured witnesses, on the suppression of evidence and a twisting of facts that is deplorable and contemptible.

Hung Po-fat, witness for the prosecution, said that Hsu was no other than a thief and a criminal who had ruled that there was a case to answer.

Mr. Potter said that it was his serious hope and his serious invitation to Mr. Lonsdale, if he had been in court, to get on to his feet and to sincerely support his submission and to say that the fugitive had really no case to answer and thus restore their faith in the administration of criminal justice in this colony.

He had three propositions to make.

The first is that a judge can change his mind even after ruling that there was a case to answer.

Secondly, he said, following the principles of law governing criminal cases, it is a magistrate's bounden duty not to commit unless a prima facie case had been made out on the evidence of witnesses entitled to a reasonable degree of credit.

He added that he would challenge Mr. Lonsdale to say that on the evidence adduced he could indict any man.

Alice In Wonderland

A 100 years ago, he said, the rule of a scintilla of evidence being sufficient was exploded and he would go so far as to say that the facts of this case were only consistent with Hsu's innocence.

The third point, he said, is a very important point, that if it was intended that the magistrate should not accept Hsu's evidence, Hsu must be cross-examined on crucial points.

In extradition cases, he said, the magistrate is bound to hear the evidence, bound to consider his story and if not cross-examined, bound to accept it.

The case against Hsu, said Mr. Potter, was conducted as a farce, like Alice in Wonderland, and just as Alice woke up and found that the case against the Jack of Hearts had collapsed like a house of cards, Mr. Lonsdale should wake up to the complete collapse of this case for the Nationalist Government of China.

Crown's Position

At the outset of the case, Mr. Potter said, in opposing bail said that HK\$5,700,000 was involved but when the evidence was adduced, they found that not only was there that amount involved but there was not a brass farthing owing to that miserable Government of China, and as a result bail was set at the record figure of HK\$45,000,000.

At the time interval people must have been discussing how much of that HK\$5,700,000 went to Leo, how much to Potter and how much to Marcus.

He had several preliminary points to make, said Mr. Potter, in regard to the position of the Crown in extradition cases.

The Crown, he said, is merely the mouthpiece of the Chinese

Australia Day Celebrated

Australia Day was celebrated in Hong Kong with a cocktail party at the Hong Kong Hotel Annex, attended by more than 400 people.

Leading the many distinguished guests was the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

Mr. H. Rankine, Acting Australian Trade Commissioner, who was host at the function, informed the gathering that it was the 101st birthday of Australia; Australia's independence from the United Kingdom and devotion to the King and the continued prosperity of the British Empire.

Government and in spite of what Mr. Lonsdale had said, he must ensure the attendance of witnesses for cross-examination.

Mr. Lonsdale should have told the Nationalist Government of China that it must ensure the attendance of witnesses, otherwise the Crown will wash its hands of the matter.

Mr. d'Almeida had applied for postponement in his cross-examination of Hung Po-fat, but Mr. Lonsdale opposed, and the judge in the exercise of his discretion granted the postponement.

This Hung Po-fat did not turn up and the authorities made it clear that his evidence was inadmissible, and again did not tell him that at a later stage the Nationalist Government could not deny if they wanted to, said him back to complete his evidence by cross-examination. If Mr. Lonsdale was as glib as to believe that, he for one would not.

Two Versions

Supposing, said Mr. Potter, that Hsu's evidence was admissible, he had told in the morning one story and in the afternoon, after the fifth adjournment, probably after a chat with an emissary of the Nationalist Government, he asked for leave to change his evidence and gave a diametrically opposite version.

Which version will they accept, were they to toss the coin for it, heads for one version and tails for the other?

Crown Counsel, he said, was not there to win a case, but to see that justice was done.

Continuing, he said that Mr. Lonsdale alleged that Hsu, brother of the Nationalist Government, had been in the colony for some time, but he is not relevant to the case of Hsu.

He had looked in vain for a suggestion by Mr. Lonsdale that this is relevant and he failed to connect a branch of foreign exchange regulations with this larceny of the bonds.

He would ask Mr. Lonsdale to what issue the evidence of breach of foreign exchange regulations was directed and how can it be preferred to prove the larceny of the bonds, unless it was merely for the purpose of vilifying Hsu.

"Miserable Case"

Again, he said, if this was a relevant point, why was not a Central Bank official called to prove the point.

He said he could tell because he knew and he will prove it out of their own mouths, that the Central Bank had in fact given approval.

What a miserable way, said Mr. Potter, of proving their little miserable case and if this is the way the Nationalist Government of China conduct their affairs then, he said, "God help China."

Further hearing of submissions was adjourned to 9 a.m. today.

Large Haul Of Wireless Transmitters

One of the largest hauls of wireless transmitting sets was made by a police party, under Sub-Inspector J. W. MacDonald, on Monday night when, in a raid on the Chui Woo Hing Store, Kowloon Island Lot 1107, Tai Kok Tsui, nine sets and four obsolete gramophones were seized.

When Chan Yau-shun, aged 45, was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with possession of the sets without a licence, Mr. D.B.L. Grier, Chief Inspector of the Telecommunications Department, asked for a very serious view to be taken of the case.

Mr. Grier said that he had checked up on defendant's story that the sets were left in his place by a friend, and found that these sets had not been entered in the licensee's books.

The friend, said Mr. Grier, was a licensed dealer in radio. The authorities believe, but could not prove, that this friend has been dealing in telecommunication sets and was in the habit of purchasing and selling such sets without troubling to enter such transactions in his books.

As to the present sets, continued Mr. Grier, he was quite convinced that defendant was connected with the licensed dealer and that the sets were sent to his premises for safe keeping. They were, he believed, to be dismantled later and re-constructed into telecommunication sets and sold to unlicensed stations.

Defendant pleaded that the sets were bought by his friend at an auction sale and left in his premises. The friend, he said, is a reply to the court, could always them away any time he wanted to do so. They had been there for about three weeks.

After defendant had been fined the maximum of \$3,000, Mr. Grier informed the court that, as the serial numbers had been taken off, he was not in a position to say whether the sets had actually been bought in an auction or stolen from the Royal Air Force. The court ordered the sets to be confiscated to the General Post Office. It also ordered that 25 per cent of the fine, if paid, be given to the informer.

Judgment In Tenancy Case Reserved

Judgment was reserved at the tenancy dispute yesterday in connection with premises at No. 4 Minden Avenue, Kowloon.

The applicants, Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited, of second floor, Alexander Building, claim that 4 Minden Avenue was let on a monthly basis to Mrs. Tam Lai-hing on condition that no sub-letting or assignment of the premises would be made without the written consent of the applicants.

Applicants allege that Mrs. Tam Lai-hing was no longer residing at the premises, but had transferred the tenancy. They claim that the lady in court was not Tam Lai-hing at all, but a trespasser to whom Tam had transferred the premises.

The applicants therefore ask for an eviction order against the opponent.

Yesterday, a witness subpoenaed by the court, Tseng Tai-chai, who was alleged by opponent as having rented the premises to her and collected rent, saw evidence after which Mr. F.C. Webb, Tenancy Magistrate, reserved his decision.

Police Arrest Alleged Robber In 24 Hours

Within 24 hours of the crime, Detective Constable Yip Ching-tak of Shamshui, arrested one of the men alleged to have participated in an armed robbery at 24 Boundary Street on January 7.

The man, who was pointed out to the detective by one of the victims, was taken off a bus near the 18½ mile post, Castle Peak Road, and, when searched, was said to be in possession of some of the stolen property.

At the conclusion of committal proceedings yesterday, the man, Man Kant alias Man Tang, 28-year-old mason, was committed for trial by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr on the charges of armed robbery by two or more, and possession of a Mauser automatic pistol.

Detective-Inspector C. Downham represented the police. Defendant was not legally represented.

Mr. G.A.R. Wright-Nooth, Divisional Superintendent, said that at the identification parade held at Shamshui on January 10, defendant was identified by Ng Hung-fong who said, "When I was taken out from my room by another man, I saw this man guarding my brother and sister-in-law in the front part of the house." None of the other witnesses picked out defendant.

Mr. d'm. Shu-cheung, Interpreter, said that when charged on the count of armed robbery accused replied, "Fai Tsai (Fat Boy) Hung took me there to rob. All the things were taken away by Fai Tsai Hung."

To the count of possession of arms and ammunition, defendant replied, "The Mauser pistol did not belong to me, it belonged to Fai Tsai Hung. The Mauser pistol were in fair working order and capable of being fired and that neither of them had been fired for a long time, was the evidence of Sub-Inspector J.C. MacMillan, police armourer.

Ng Hung-hai, aged 31, stated that he lived at 24 Boundary Street, first floor, with his wife, mother, brother, and a female servant.

At 9 a.m. on January 7 he heard someone knocking at the door. When the door was opened by his wife, a man armed with a revolver went up to him and ordered him into the front veranda.

Outside the door of that cubicle, said witness, he saw accused keeping guard with a Mauser in his hand. In the room he saw his wife. So Lam, the servant, and the painter were soon brought to the cubicle. They were later joined by his brother, Ng Hung-fong, who had his hands tied behind his back.

Demanding Money

The three men then asked him for the money. He told them that he had no money and asked them to "Go and search." Two of the men left the room but returned soon after and threatened to kill him if he did not divulge the hiding place of the money.

At that moment the street bell rang, and accused went to open the door. He returned shortly after with Wong Mui, the 53-year-old mother of witness. They searched the old woman and took some money and gold rings from her.

The witnesses then tied the hands of the inmates behind their backs, and gagged them, with the exception of witness's wife. Before leaving, the robbers said, "Keep quiet. Let us go." Witness and his relatives released themselves, and sent the female servant out to report to the police.

Ng Hung-fong, after corroborating his brother's evidence, said that on opening the front door after the robbers had left, he found the automatic pistol just

outside the door. On the following morning he found the revolver behind the meat-safe on the premises.

Detective-constable Yip Ching-tak testified to going out with Ng Hung-fong to the New Territories on January 8, and to Ng pointing to accused, who was on a bus near the 13½ mile post, as one of the three men who robbed his place the previous day.

When searched, accused was found to be in possession of a gold wrist watch, a gold ring and a fountain pen and pencil set. The watch was identified as that stolen from Ng Hung-hai, the pen and pencil set from Ng Hung-fong, and the ring from the mother.

HOLIDAYS

The Department of Imports and Exports will be closed on Saturday and Monday, for all purposes except for entry and clearance of ships' manifests between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on both days.

The Marine Department will also be closed on the two days except the Port Control Office, Marine Licensing Office and Entry and Clearance Office which will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday only.

COLLISION

A collision between a tram car and a motor bus occurred outside Windsor House yesterday. The tramcar was badly damaged.

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A Government spokesman said yesterday that a full supply will be given on the island and the mainland between 6 a.m. on Saturday and 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Heavy Sea Caused Ship Fire

Heavy rolling in rough seas off the Panama Canal caused spontaneous combustion among bales of cloth aboard the American steamer Pioneer Wave, which arrived here yesterday.

The resultant fire forced the steamer to dock at Christchurch for four days for inspection of the damage.

A few dozen bales of cloth were burnt. The majority of the cargo in No. 4 hold, scene of the fire, was intact.

Nobody was injured. The Pioneer Wave met heavy seas for the greater part of her trip from the United States.

The fire occurred when she was about to enter the Panama Canal. Using 62 frames, the crew promptly put out the smouldering bales.

Alongside the dock at the Panamanian port, the cargo was "aired" and the damaged bales taken out.

The vessel loaded more than 400 rail bags at Shanghai, and had about 1,000 tons of general cargo, 257 tons for the Colony.

The Pioneer Wave will leave for Manila today with five passengers, who arrived here by the RMS Canton recently.

FIRE-DAMAGED SHIP HERE

The s.s. Riverside arrived here last evening for repairs to her fire-damaged crew quarters.

The Canada Asiatic Line steamer caught fire while she was at Takao on January 10, when the crew quarters were gutted by fire.

The Riverside remained at Kowloon Bay last night and may go into dock shortly.

Manager of the Ritz Garden, at King's Road, Leo Choi-fat was summoned before Mr. K.C. Lam and Mr. Horace Lo at Central yesterday for allowing the dance hall to be used for dancing at 1:45 a.m. on November 21, 1948 without obtaining an extension permit.

The fine was \$50 was imposed.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12:30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12:45 p.m.
HKVDC Mobile Column, Reunion Dinner, China Fleet Club, 9 p.m.
French show, "Le Bal des Volontaires", China Fleet Club, 9 p.m.
HK Art Club sixth monthly exhibition, Helena May Institute, 3 to 7 p.m.; annual general meeting, 8:30 p.m.
Associated Properties, limited, statutory meeting, H.K. Hotel, 8:30 p.m.
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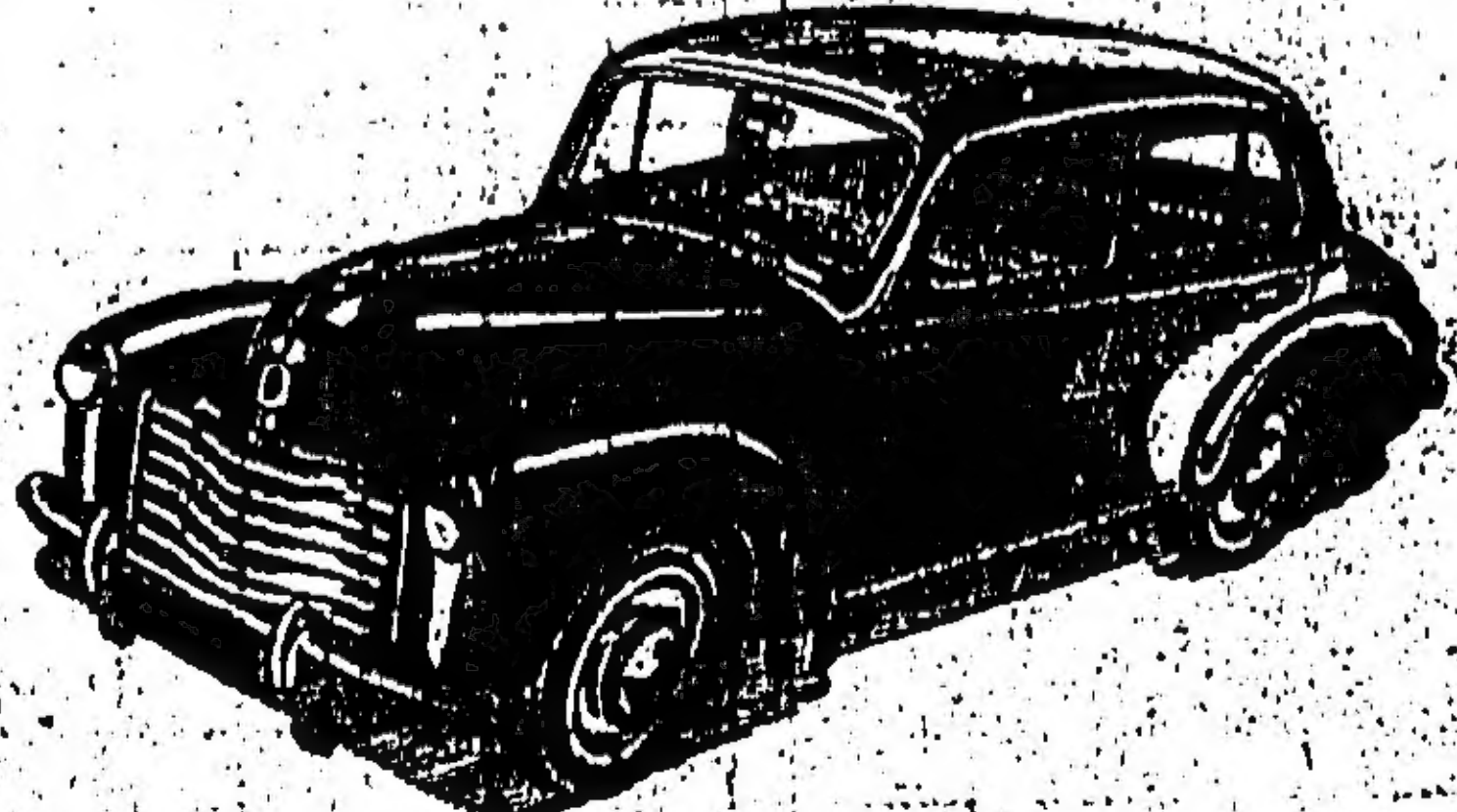
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Sir,—Appropos your editorial and in view of the continued silence of the Government, and/or the Police Commissioner, on the subject of wholesale police dismissals, I reluctantly write to enquire: What, please, are the reasons for the dismissals? After three years faithful service, and why are they and the public denied the moral right to know the reason for their dismissal?

Presumably, in the eyes of the Government, the reason, whatever it is, is good and sufficient. Cold consideration indeed for middle-aged men who are sacked out of a clear sky, and I again state emphatically that each officer should be advised personally of the reason for his dismissal, and without further delay or shilly-shallying.

I for one am well aware that the men concerned are not guilty of any criminal offence, but one would not think so to hear the various theories advanced as to the reasons for the dismissals. The reputation of the officers concerned is being unnecessarily tarnished by the Gestapo silence of the Government on this vital question. Idle gossip are having a field day at the expense of the dismissed men. Confessions as to the reason for their dismissal ranges from the malicious down to a lame "well, they must have done something, eleven police officers are not dismissed except for a very good reason."

If the Government, and the Commissioner, think that like Caesar's wife they are above suspicion in their motives and actions, and owe no explanation to the dismissed men and the public, then let it be said. At least the public will come to the realization that the rights of the individual are non-existent, at least so far as the Colony of Hong Kong is concerned.

Train Service

Sir,—I would like to comment on a gross piece of inefficiency on the part of a Government Dept., but hardly with the hope that any effective reply will be made. I have been too long in Hong Kong to expect our "balding, bearded" men with their ingrained contempt for the public convenience, to do anything effective.

On Sunday I wished to go to Sheungshui by the morning train. I went to the station and found altered. Had this been done anywhere but in Hong Kong, and in a Government Dept., one would have quite naturally expected that the Public would have been informed.

Then, having reached Sheungshui by car, and having made sure that the train was there, I found the train was not there. I was told that the train was not there because of a breakdown. I was then told that the train was not there because of a breakdown. I was then told that the train was not there because of a breakdown.

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Oil	2 "
Tea	3 "
Salt Fish	3 "
Fish	1,080
Pork	3 "
Firewood	10.0 "
Bean-Curd, 14 pieces	700

Total HK\$13,0510
The average of the food and fuel figures for the two weeks ended January 23 is \$12,9083.
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NOTICE

As from the date hereof I shall not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife Mrs. C. M. J. Xavier.

Dated the 26th day of January, 1949.

Jose Maria Xavier.

NOTICE

HOLT'S WHARF

Delivery Order No. 021990 dated January 20, 1949, issued in our favour by Bank of Canton, Ltd., as follows:—

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January 24, 1949.

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REVISION OF FARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from the 1st day of February, 1949, the undermentioned Bus Routes will be divided into Sectional Stages and fares will be charged as follows:—

Route No. 1. Star Ferry and Kowloon City.
Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
2. Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.

Route No. 2. Star Ferry and Shamshuipo.
Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Lanchuk Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
2. Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Shum Shui Po.

Route No. 3. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 4. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 5. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.
Via: Salisbury Road, Chatham Road, Ma Tau Wei Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Austin Road.
2. Austin Road and Kowloon Dock Gate.
3. Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
4. Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.
5. Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 6. Star Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.
Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Tai Po Road and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
2. Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
4. Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 7. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.
Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
2. Pakhoi Street and Peace Avenue.
3. Peace Avenue and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 8. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.
Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, Knight Street, Cumberland Road and Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
2. Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 9. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.
Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Argyle Street, Waterloo Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
2. Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Kowloon Hospital.
4. Kowloon Hospital and Kowloon City.
5. Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 10. Star Ferry and The Monument.
Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Carnarvon Road, Kimberley Road, Austin Road, Cox's Path and Jordan Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and The Monument. (One Section only).
2. Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon Dock Gate.
3. Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.

Route No. 11. Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon City.
Via: Jordan Road, Gascoigne Road, Chatham Road, Matauwei Road, Tam Kung Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon Dock Gate.
2. Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
3. Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.

Route No. 12. Jordan Road Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.
Via: Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Lanchuk Road (Shumshuipo), Yen Chow Street and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
2. Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
3. Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 13. Jordan Road Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.
Via: Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
2. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
3. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.
4. Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

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School children making application for the first ticket shall produce for the Company's records a school certificate bearing his or her photograph.

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The Company reserves the right to refuse the issue of Monthly Ticket or School Children's Ticket to any person whom they consider ineligible.

Dated the 27th day of January 1949.

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COMMON SENSE USED

ONE PLAYER, praising the new laws that went into force on October 1, said they constitute merely a summary of what constitutes the common-sense way of treating each irregularity that may develop during a game. An example is the way of treating a defective trick, in which one player has played too many cards or has omitted playing to it. It is attention is called to the lapse before a player of each side has played to the next trick, the error must be rectified: a card withdrawn from such a trick, if from a defender's unplayed hand, becomes a penalty card.

After each side has played to the next trick, a defective trick stands and a hand with too few cards merely does not play to the last trick or tricks and, if it wins a trick with its last card the lead passes to the player at his left; a hand with too many cards forthwith faces and adds to the defective trick, but without changing its ownership; a card it could properly have played to it.

A trick appropriated by the wrong side must be restored on demand and its scoring value credited to the correct side.

Failure to comply with a lead or play penalty when able to rectify the offense to correct his error if aware of it before his side plays another card; if the wrong card was from a defender's unplayed hand, it becomes a penalty card, and a card played from the hand to the offender's left may be withdrawn if played after the error but before attention was drawn to it. If failure to comply is pointed out after the offending side has played another card, the incorrect card may not be withdrawn, but after play

cesses tricks are transferred as though the offense were an established revoke.

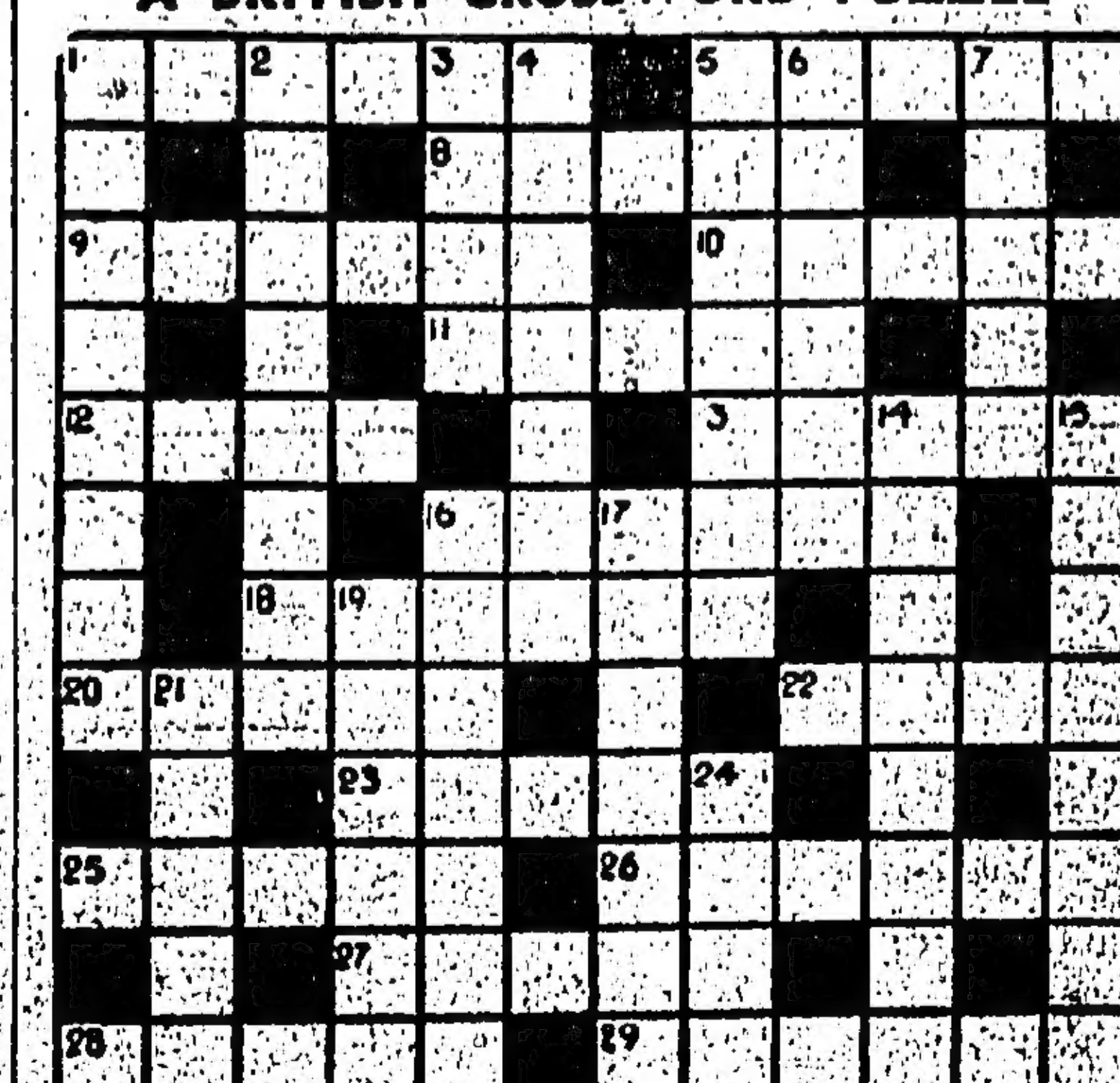
Whenever the declarer intentionally exposes his hand, either by conceding any tricks, or suggests curtailment of play, it is deemed a claim by him; play should cease, he should place his hand face-up on the table and immediately make an absolute statement of his intended line of play; anytime thereafter a defender may face his hand, and suggest a play to his partner; declarer may not enforce a penalty for any irregularity from such a faced hand. The claim must be allowed if both defenders accede, or if either allows his hand to be mixed with other cards; either defender may require that play continue.

When either defender requires that play follow declarer's claim, he must play on with his hand face-up, may make no play, not consistent with his statement; unless he states his intention to do so when making his claim may not lead a trump while either defender has a trump and may not finesse either in the suit led or in trumping the suit led; if he attempts such a prohibited play, either defender may require him to withdraw it, provided neither has played after it.

A defender may show any or all his cards to declare to establish a claim or concession. A concession of trick which cannot be lost by any play of the cards is void if attention is called to the error before the cards are mixed together.

NEXT—The content, purpose and underlying spirit of "The Proprietor" included with the new official Laws of the game.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across				Down			
1	Disturbance	18	Piece.	1	Sentimental	16	Interest
5	Droll	20	Thin fabric	2	Nautical	16	Piece of
8	Fragment	22	Hurry	3	Employs	17	furniture
9	Kill	23	Small island	4	Abrades	17	Joins
10	Longed for	25	Assumed	5	Excellent	18	closely
11	Material	26	name	6	Supported	19	Drugs
12	Observe	28	Wanderers	7	Thoughts	21	Governor
13	Concise	27	Trials	14	Control	24	Twaddle.
16	Ten-year period	29	Command	15	Showed great		
			29	Astute			
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Yesterday's Crossword							
Across: 3 Brag; 7 Guide; 8 Azog							
9 Spin; 10 Emulate; 12 Grew; 15							
Aroma; 16 Atom; 19 Vague; 21							
Idios; 22 Toss; 23 Ethic; 26 Lays;							
29 Rodents; 30 Claw; 31 Bent;							
33 Adult; 35 Mast							
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Down: 1 Rummy; 2 Adulate							
Riben; 5 Gang; 6 Pore; 9 Stem;							
Apoee; 18 Rags; 14 Whet; 16 Ard							
17 Bill; 18 Ally; 30 Astenda							
Thlew; 24 Trade; 26 Ambie;							
Aver; 28 Scum.							

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
Own Story Of The War
In Europe

Supporting these divisions was an airborne attack by the American 17th Airborne Division and the British 6th Airborne Division. Normal use of airborne forces was to send them into battle prior to the beginning of ground attack so as to achieve maximum surprise and create confusion among defending forces before the beginning of the ground assault. In this instance Montgomery planned to reverse the usual sequence. He decided to make the river crossing under cover of darkness, to be followed the next morning by the airborne attack. It was also normal to drop airborne forces at a considerable distance in rear of the enemy's front lines, where their landing would presumably meet little immediate opposition and give them time to organize themselves to overrun headquarters, block movement of reserves, and create general havoc. But in this operation the two divisions were to drop close to the front lines, merely far enough back so that they would not be within the zone of our own artillery fire. From those positions they were to wreck the enemy's artillery organization and participate directly in the tactical battle. Elaborate arrangements were made for the use of smoke to provide artificial concealment for the river crossing and a great array of guns was assembled to support it.

The Rhine was a formidable military obstacle, particularly so in its Northern stretches. It was not only wide but treacherous, and even the level of the river and the speed of its currents were subject to variation because the enemy could open dams along the great river. Eastern tributaries: Special reconnaissance and warning detachments were set up to guard against this threat. Because of the nature of the obstacle the crossing resembled an assault against a beach, extending from ship to shore instead of from ship to shore were carried into the battle from shore to shore.

This kind of resistance, however, was not encountered. The two American divisions making the assault on the Ninth Army front, the 10th and the 79th, suffered a total of only thirty-one casualties during the actual crossing. The divisions were under the command of General Anderson of the XVI Corps.

Throughout the remainder of the night we received series of encouraging reports. Everywhere the landings appeared completely successful. We were encouraged to believe that we could very quickly achieve such an Eastward advance that the communications leading into the Ruhr would be cut.

With the arrival of daylight I went to a convenient hill from which to witness the arrival of the airborne units, which were timed to begin their drop at ten o'clock. The airborne troops were carried to the assault in a total of 1,672 planes and 1,329 gliders; 880 fighter planes escorted them during the flight, and 2,153 other fighters provided cover over the target area and established a defensive screen to the Eastward.

Fog and the smoke of the battle prevented a complete view of the airborne operation but I was able to see some of the action. A number of our planes were hit by anti-aircraft fire, generally, however, only after they had dropped their loads of paratroopers. As they swung away from the battle area they seemed to come over a spot where anti-aircraft fire was particularly accurate. Those that were struck fell inside our own lines, and in nearly every case the crews succeeded in saving themselves by taking to their parachutes. Even so, our loss in planes was far lighter than we had calculated. Operation Varsity, the name given to the airborne phase of this attack, was the most successful airborne operation we carried out during the war.

To Be Continued

We had by this time a logistic and administrative organization capable of handling such numbers of prisoners and these captives interfered only temporarily with troop manoeuvres and offensives. We had come a long way from the time in Tunisia when the sudden capture of 275,000 Axis prisoners caused me rather ruefully to remark to my operations officers, Rooks and Nevins: "Why didn't some staff college ever tell us what to do with a quarter of a million prisoners so located at the end of a railway line that it's impossible to move them and where guarding and feeding them are so difficult?"

By March 24 there was in the Remagen bridgehead an American army of three full corps, poised ready to strike in any direction. Farther to the South the Third Army had made good a crossing of the Rhine and there was now in that region no hostile strength to prevent our establishing further bridgeheads almost at will. Just to the North of the Remagen bridgehead ran the Sieg River, which flanked the Ruhr region on the South. So vital was the safety of the Ruhr to the German war-making capacity that the enemy hastily assembled along the Sieg all of the remaining forces that he could spare from other threatened areas in the West, because the German assumed that we would strike directly against the Ruhr from Remagen.

In this situation Hitler resorted to his old practice of changing senior commanders. Von Rundstedt was relieved from command, destined to take no further part in the war. Von Rundstedt, whom we always considered the ablest of the German generals, had been in command in the West when the landings were made June 6. Unable to drive the Allies back into the ocean as ordered by Hitler, he had been relieved within three weeks after the landing and replaced by Von Kluge. When the news of his removal reached his predecessor, Hitler again determined to make a change and called Von Rundstedt back into action. We understood at the time that the immediate cause of this second transfer was a belief that Von Kluge had participated in the July 20 plot against Hitler's life.

Hitler now determined to bring Field Marshal von Kesselring up from Italy.

CHAPTER 20
ASSAULT AND ENCIRCLEMENT

WHILE MONTGOMERY, ON THE NORTH, WAS waiting the first of the February and March battles for the destruction of the German forces West of the Rhine, additional Canadian and British

strength began transferring from the Mediterranean to the Twenty-first Army Group. The move was called Operation Goldfish and involved a Canadian corps from Italy and a British division from the Middle East. A large proportion of these troops landed at Marseilles and cut across the entire network of Allied communications to reach their position on the Northern flank. The difficult move was handled smoothly and skillfully by the plan. No interference with front-line supply and maintenance occurred. Their withdrawal, further South, was following the blows that freed the West Bank of the Rhine, Montgomery, in the North, could count on early reinforcements as he completed his preparations for forcing a breaking of the river.

Montgomery was always a master in the methodical preparation of forces for a formal, step-by-step attack. In this case he made the most meticulous preparations as he knew that along the front just North of the Ruhr the enemy had his best remaining troops, including portions of the First Paratroop Army.

His assault was planned on a front of four divisions, two in the Twenty-first Army Group and two in the attached Ninth Army.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

Those Days Are Gone Forever

Either the bloom is off the boom or else the millionaires have found a new Mecca.

Palm Beach, once the bright sovereignty of the Gold Coast, is in ruins. Many of the magnificent villas, the bogus Spanish and Mexican places facing the bright blue sea and the silver sands, are shuttered. The rich are cutting their expenditure.

Some are living in one wing of the great, sprawling houses. Others are getting by in hotel suites.

Modest Parties

The days when the wealthy merchants arrived in force and with scores of servants, the late Mrs. Edward S. Stearns, who came down with 60 retainers and engaged 30 additional help, are gone. The parties are less lavish the entertaining much more modest.

Palm Beach still has glitter and pose, an almost perfect climate, and ideal sands, but the decline has set in. Death taxes, the New Deal and now the Fair Deal are winning against the old lush, privileged order.

Two years ago every hotel, beach apartment, and block of flats was filled. Managers asked, and got, upward of \$12 per day for a single room without food. Last year business was down ten per cent. This season it has dived steeply.

In the Biltmore Hotel cocktail lounge last night there were only a handful of people—myself and three couples. The three men draped against the bar were musicians taking time out between numbers. The Brazilian Court Hotel, where I am staying, is less than a quarter full.

The local newspapers ignore the facts and fill their pages with booster and bore slogans. Even the weather reports are angled: "Continued fair and warm. Just the right kind of weather for a Florida vacation."

I have to admire this defiance, but it cannot be continued indefinitely. The simple truth is that the rich are in retreat. They're fighting gallant rear-guard action behind their mansions and battlements, but the ordinary folk with slim purses and humbler appetites are taking over.

Across the bridges which span handsome Lake Worth a new community—West Palm Beach—is expanding and growing fast. There are cheap shops, five and ten-cent stores, drug stores, cafeterias, fixed-price restaurants. "All the lobster you can eat for a dollar, sizzling steaks, hamburgers, meat balls, spaghetti," movie palaces, dance halls, shoeing parlours.

Palm Beach shudders and looks the other way. It struggles tentatively to keep out the shock and the sordid. The Beach Boulevard is still bare of advertisements, posters, signs, fruitcake counters, and obnoxious nightclubs but just outside the city limits the

trailers of the clerks and mechanics, the shoppers, and salesmen are lined up and the soda fountains sprout.

This unequal duel between the proud American aristocrats and the persistent, vigorous crowd is fascinating to watch. I have never been to Florida before, and came here for a change of pace and detente. I am seeing glimpses of an old order crumbling and rotting and withering away.

The great clubs, the Everglades, the Seaside, the Coral Beach, and Bath and Tennis—as big as Blois, help Palace—are putting up the stiffest fight. Their emphasis is on exclusiveness, though it's easy enough to become a temporary member if you're a newspaperman, and to the accepted they give for everything—wonderful food and drink, golf, tennis, squash, swimming, sailing, fishing, dancing, polo, and perpetual parties.

The masses have not yet advanced on these estates, but they are forming their ranks and bringing up their artillery. This, of course, is the South, and therefore there is what white people called the Coloured Problem. Perhaps Negroes call it the White Problem. Anyway, segregation is strict and shocking.

Then Negroes are kept down and are kept out. Their jobs are always menial. They are the carriers of water (and Scotch, rum, bourbon, gin, and champagne for the whites) and the hovers of the wood. They sweep the streets, polish the shoes, wait at the tables, clean away the garbage, polish the silver, wash the linen, tend the bright and lovely gardens, drive the trucks, and assist the drunks into their glossy cars.

They do not know liberty or equality. All they have is frustration among their own kind. Their average weekly wage (about \$2) would not pay my hotel room for a day (\$8).

They live in tumble-down shacks near the railway lines and their children often go barefoot. On the train coming to Florida, as we rolled through the orange groves, I saw these shacks and wondered: "Indefinitely, I made the journey in an all-glass express car. The Orange Blossom Special, which took 20 hours to cover the 1300 miles from New York and halted well over 100 times."

Local newspapers don't have gone to considerable trouble to take me around and give me information, but among the people I have met are a number of Americans who have never seen the British flag in their lives. Many speak with a slightly synthetic British accent, calling the bread "A's" in this wordy place.

However it could not be a more astonishing change after New York. According to the news, which according to the best information is really something to see, I will tell you about that next week.

At a time when the newspapers, including the Palm Beach Post and the Miami Daily News, are featuring on their front pages Britain's so-called aggressions against the Jews I find all this acid irony. It's a glaring business that I would be a poor reporter if I didn't record it.

In case this column from Palm Beach appears too critical, I must add that there is strong pro-British feeling here. People could not have been kinder to me and there was an extraordinary moment when the other night at a party I was down so drunk in the bath when the band played "Swing Away" by Art Brinkley.

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The day before my trip "The Orange Blossom Special" was delayed in Groveland, three Pullmans overhauled and nine other cars left the tracks. And the day before that also "The Orange Blossom Special" had a minor crash. So what I travelled on was obviously a substitute, neither the Orange Blossom nor special.

Anyway, on the train I saw something of the poverty and the squalor, and I think about it now as I sit and write in this exquisite hotel.

There is also a Palestine problem in Palm Beach. Certain hotels, night clubs, and some apartment houses are "restricted." This means that Jews are not allowed to stay in them.

The most flagrant anti-Semitic establishments boldly put the sign "Restricted" on the registration desk. Others insert it in modest type in the left advertisements in the newspapers. It is an accepted practice, and several non-Jewish Americans to whom I have talked welcome it.

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THE SQUATTER COLONIES

A series of disastrous fires in hut settlements in different parts of the Colony are sufficiently fresh in the public mind to earn for the Government ready endorsement of its programme for eliminating squatter colonies in congested areas. Not all of those now living under the generally wretched and unhealthy conditions to be found in these settlements will be accommodated under the scheme. The main purpose of the four camps proposed is to provide temporary dwelling sites for persons who are or are likely to prove worthy citizens of the Colony and can be depended upon to subsist upon their own resources. The Government's contribution to their welfare will, in fact, be limited, very largely, to the provision of land upon which they can build without fear of eviction, and the cost of maintaining a Sanitary Department foreman and social welfare worker in each camp. As the official statement indicates, there is no intention of embarking upon projects which could and would involve a heavy charge upon the community for the benefit of persons whose chief claim to attention reposes in the menace they offer to the health of other residents in their immediate vicinity. All that is planned arises from the Government's acceptance of the position that a genuine housing emergency exists and that ruthless destruction of squatter settlements without provision for the transition to more normal conditions would create far more problems than it could cure. At the same time, there will be a screening of hut-dwellers whose checks are to be condemned which should purge the Colony of numerous undesirable engaged in criminal activities, scores of opium dens and brothels. With the added condition that Social Welfare officers will do what they can to assist in cases of genuine destitution, the clearance scheme will, we feel sure, be warmly approved as intelligently and sympathetically designed to achieve satisfactory results. Few of the squatters will take kindly to the decision which means their uprooting, but the Government could hardly be expected to do more than it is doing to assuage the pain.

Lynskey Findings

The Lynskey Tribunal findings follow very much a pattern which was easily predictable on a close reading of the evidence. Only Mr. John Belcher and Mr. George Gibson, on the official side, come unhappily out of the inquiry, and although in these two cases there was conduct inexcusable in persons entrusted with heavy responsibilities, the belief that the sordid story would reveal extensive corruption in the Board of Trade has been completely disposed of. Those who expected to find a cannon-cracker with which to blast the Labour Government out of office have been presented with nothing more potent than a damp squib. The reputation of the Civil Service remains virtually unimpaired by the Tribunal's verdict. In fact, no great damage has been done. None will, however, suggest from the mildness of the final indictment that the inquiry was wasteful. Such were the rumours that pre-

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RHODES TALKS SUSPENDED

Envoys Return For Instructions

HIROHITO'S ANNIVERSARY

Tokyo, January 26. Japan's first couple are celebrating their Silver Wedding anniversary today. Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako, who were married here 25 years ago today, over the opposition of some high-ranking court officials who favoured the daughter of another clan.

One official of that time spread a rumour that Nagako was colour blind, the inference being that any Imperial children might be similarly afflicted.

Imperial couple will observe today's anniversary quietly. The top main features of the day will be luncheon and dinner with their six children and the Empress Dowager.

The pair will be hosts at an afternoon tea party for incumbent and former court officials.

The Imperial household says Hirohito and Nagako will decline any private or public gifts or tributes commemorating the anniversary. —Associated Press.

Bunche Faced With Overlapping Duties

Rhodes, January 25.

The Israeli and Egyptian delegations to the Rhodes armistice talks suspended all formal and informal negotiations today as their special envoys flew to Tel Aviv and Cairo for new instructions.

Observers said the present lull might lead either to renewed talks towards the end of the week or to a complete breakdown of the negotiations, despite yesterday's official declaration that the acting mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, had straightened out serious difficulties.

If the talks were to break down, the cause would be the same as before, these sources said—the Egyptian insistence that the Security Council's November 4 resolution should be the basis for negotiation, and the Israeli contention that the present military situation is the only realistic guide.

Should the talks be resumed, observers believe, the atmosphere would be more promising than before because each side would know more exactly the other's attitude.

Dr. Bunche was faced with the problem of co-ordinating his task at Rhodes with the United Nations Conciliation Commission, now beginning work in Jerusalem and whose sphere is likely to overlap the acting mediator's.

No Hurry

Israel was believed to be in no hurry to conclude the conference until after today's Israeli elections, as these might effect both foreign policy and the armistice talks.

In Israel today, early voters went to the polls in brilliant sunshine for the young State's first general election to select 120 members of the National Assembly from 1281 candidates.

Several polling booths opened their doors early in the morning with long queues already outside. Favourable weather combined with a national holiday were expected to improve the chances of the Premier, Mr. David Ben Gurion, Labour Party, the MAPAI, retaining control of the Government.

Mr. Ben Gurion was one of the first voters at a Tel Aviv polling booth. His party was expected today to gain from 30 to 35 per cent of the total vote.

The strong anti-British campaign of the Stern and Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorist movements appeared to have produced a big turnout in the poorer districts, their traditional headquarters. Their extreme right-wing propaganda, aimed at showing the present Government as the agent of Britain, seemed to be bearing results.

Religious parties, who are particularly strong in Jerusalem,

BURMA TENSION EASES OFF

Rangoon, January 25.

Tension with the Karen tribesmen has considerably eased following the formation of Joint Peace Committee on January 21, an official spokesman said today.

He added that sporadic incidents had been reported from the Maubin district of the Irrawaddy Delta. Government troops inflicted heavy casualties on insurgents in clashes in the Yemaung district, the Communist stronghold in Central Burma, a communiqué said tonight.

It also reported mopping-up operations in Blugyun, near Moulmein, where the rebels were active. —Reuters.

U.S. GOVT EXPENSES

Washington, January 26. President Harry Truman asked the U.S. Congress yesterday for \$440,702,000 to pay government expenses not anticipated in the appropriations made for the current fiscal year.

Among the largest items he listed was \$855,000,000 for National Service Life Insurance for veterans—mainly to meet unanticipated claims originating in the Philippines. Associated Press.



turned out in strength for early voting.

Prayers to "save the State from heretics" were offered in some synagogues by Jews who believed that a State not founded on religion is bound to perish.

The Communists were polling a heavy vote in the slum districts and in the Arab quarters, but it was small proportionately.

Arabs were voting extreme left as a protest vote rather than a positive vote, political observers said.

Apart from a few demonstrations—mainly by Communists and terrorists—the first hours of the elections passed off without incident in Tel Aviv. Reports from other parts of the country indicated that all was quiet. —Reuters.

ANNOUNCE PALESTINE RECOGNITION TODAY

London, January 25.

The official announcement that Britain has decided to grant de facto recognition to Israel will be made by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, in the House of Commons' Palestine debate tomorrow, it was learned on good authority here today.

Mr. Bevin will, it is expected, announce that actual recognition will take place after consultations with Australia, New Zealand and the Benelux countries have been completed.

Actual recognition on a de facto basis is now forecast for Thursday or Friday.

Britain and the United States are also expected to announce the pursuit of a common policy in the Middle East.

Mr. Bevin will, it is believed, tell the House of Commons that

an identity of views has been reached between London and Washington on the situation in Palestine following the recent talks between the British Ambassador in Washington, Sir Oliver Franks, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

A similar statement may also be made from Washington.

These steps would, it was hoped in diplomatic quarters here, straighten out the recent tension between Britain and the United States over Palestine. —Reuters.

Smuts Proposes No-Confidence Vote

Capetown, January 25.

General Smuts moved a vote of no confidence in the South African Government in the Assembly today, declaring that South Africa was faced with a grave economic position besides a racial situation of extreme gravity.

"I am afraid that the significance of what happened in Durban (he was referring to the recent Durban riots) is not recalled," he said.

"That was a unique phenomenon. It is a situation pointing to forces on the move in South Africa and to signs of conflict and friction amongst the various sections of the population. If that is the trend of affairs one asks, what is going to happen to our multi-racial population?"

General Smuts announced on January 21 that he would move a motion today asking the House disapprove the policy of the Government to 'abrogate and

alter the existing parliamentary rights of the native and coloured peoples without a direct and unmistakable mandate from the people of the Union and by a two-thirds parliamentary majority, as is provided by the entrenched clauses of the constitution, and expresses its want of confidence in the Government."

General Smuts thanked Prime Minister Dr. Daniel Malan for his "very full and explicit statement on the unhappy occurrences in Durban."

He said: "My only regret is that there has not been an early opportunity for making a statement because no doubt a great deal of the trouble, the Prime Minister has referred to has been due to the absence of any authoritative statement on what has happened."

Replying to an interjection by Mr. C. R. Swart, the Minister for Justice, who said: "We made a statement in Durban and gave figures," General Smuts said: "Yes, up to a point, but not giving the whole picture as the Prime Minister has done."

"Although these events are very big and dangerous, I hope the country will be reassured that the storm is probably passed."

General Smuts criticised the Government's intention of abolishing the native representation in the Assembly and removing coloured voters from the voters' roll. He said the argument was that Parliament polls, under sovereign legislative powers, repeal the South Africa Act without a two-thirds majority.

The South Africa Act was not a British act, but the most solemn one South Africa had ever passed, and it was surrounded by sentiment and feeling, he said. It was a matter of good faith and South Africa's honour and should be prized as the work of South African statesmen.

The debate on the no-confidence motion is expected to last four days. —Reuters.

Appeal To Empire

St. John's, Newfoundland, January 25.

Counsel for former members of the Newfoundland Legislature, who are taking legal proceedings in an attempt to prevent confederation with Canada, is taking their appeal to the Privy Council in London—the supreme Appeal Court in the Empire.

This step follows the Newfoundland Supreme Court's rejection last Saturday of an appeal from a dismissal of the case by Justice Dunfield.

The members had taken out a writ against the Commission of the Government seeking an injunction to prevent the Commission from taking further steps towards confederation. The writ also contended that the Government had no right to pass the Acts which led up to the signing of an agreement for union with Canada.

Another outstanding action to prevent confederation is the "Liberation Bill" of Sir Alan Herbert, British Member of Parliament, which has been prepared for submission to Parliament.

He claims that the majority in last July's referendum on confederation with Canada was too slender and that confederation was not in the best economic interests of Britain and Newfoundland. —Reuters.

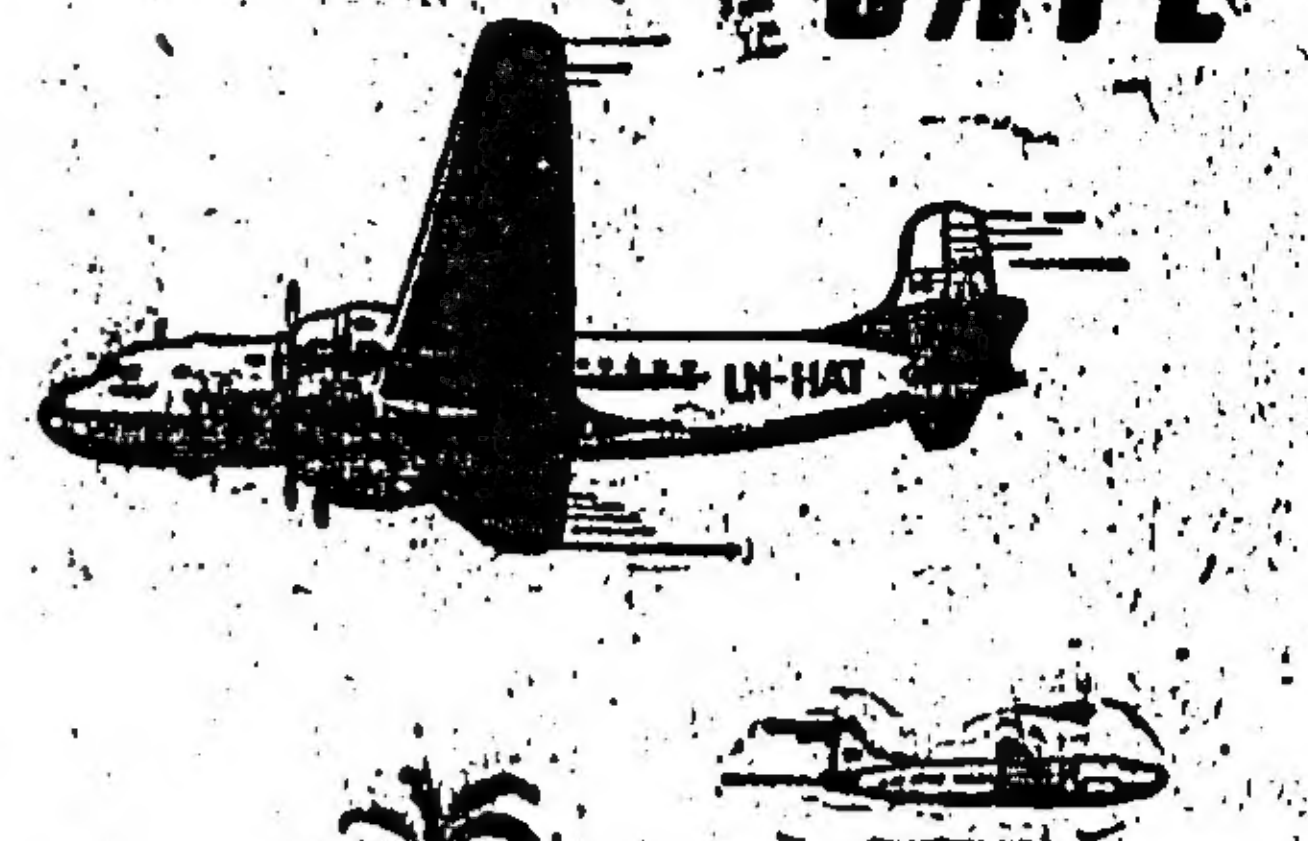
LONDON MUSEUM GETS THE BIRD

London, January 25.

Mr. H. Cecil Smith, of Llandogo, Chepstow, Monmouthshire, has given his collection of 4,001 specimens of Burmese birds to London's Natural History Museum, the Evening News reported today.

Mr. Smith collected the birds while on forestry service in Burma before the war. —Reuters.

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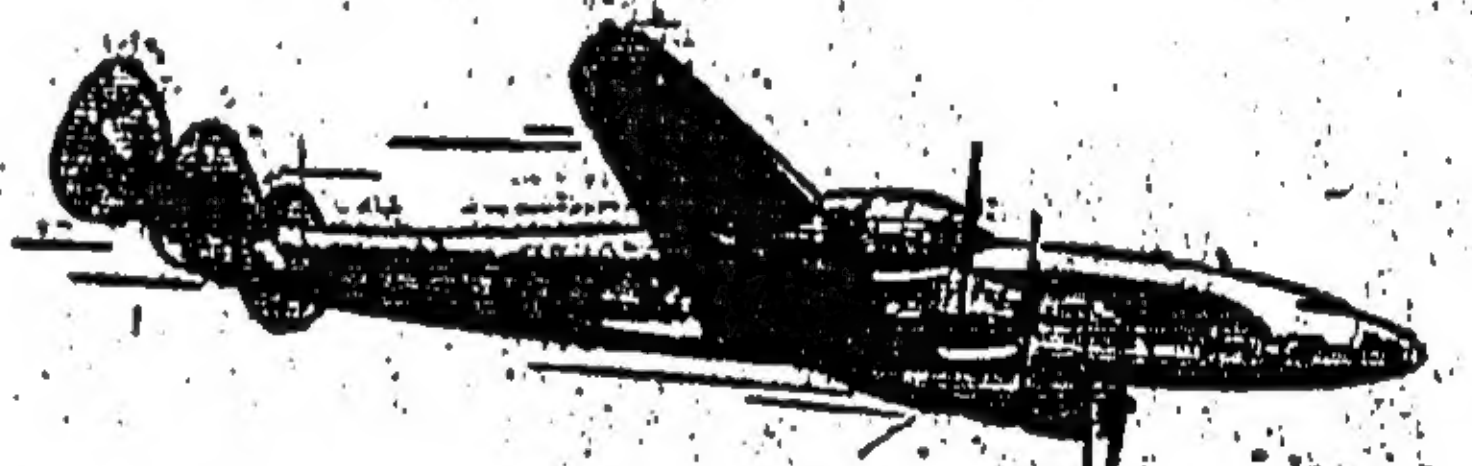
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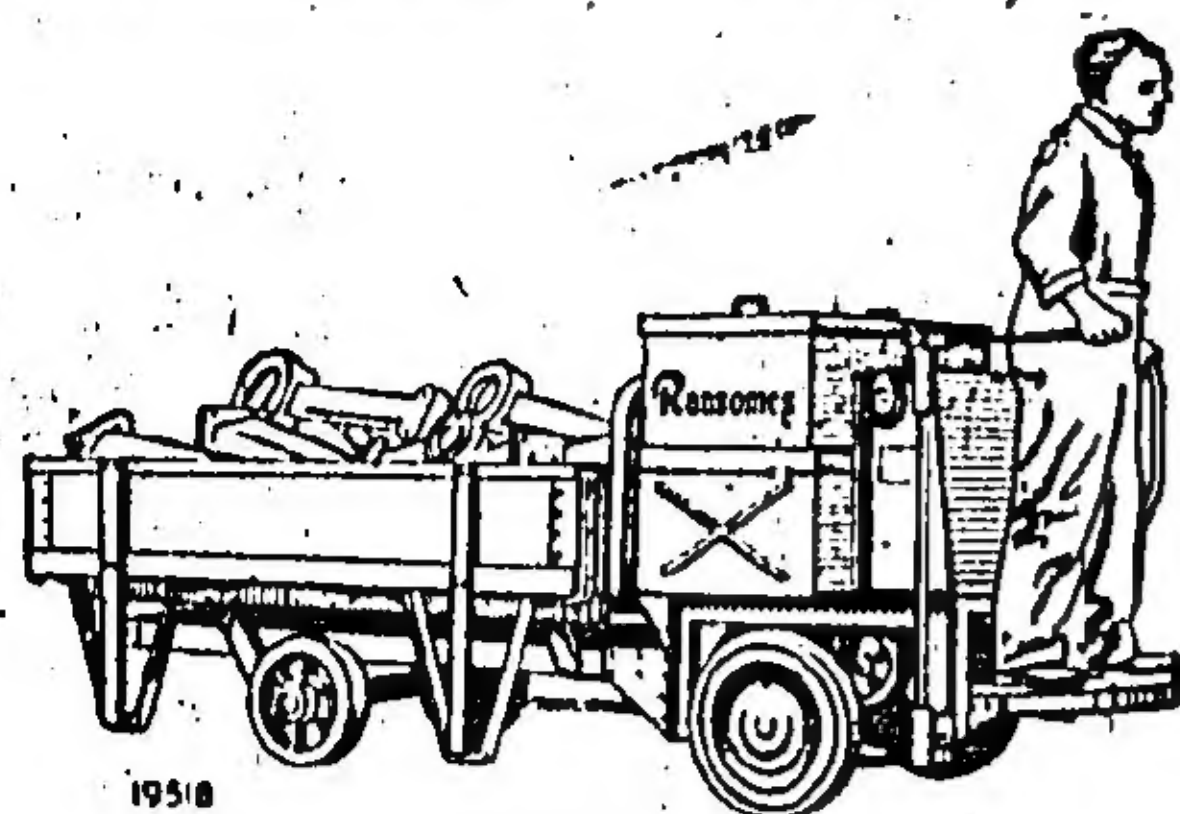
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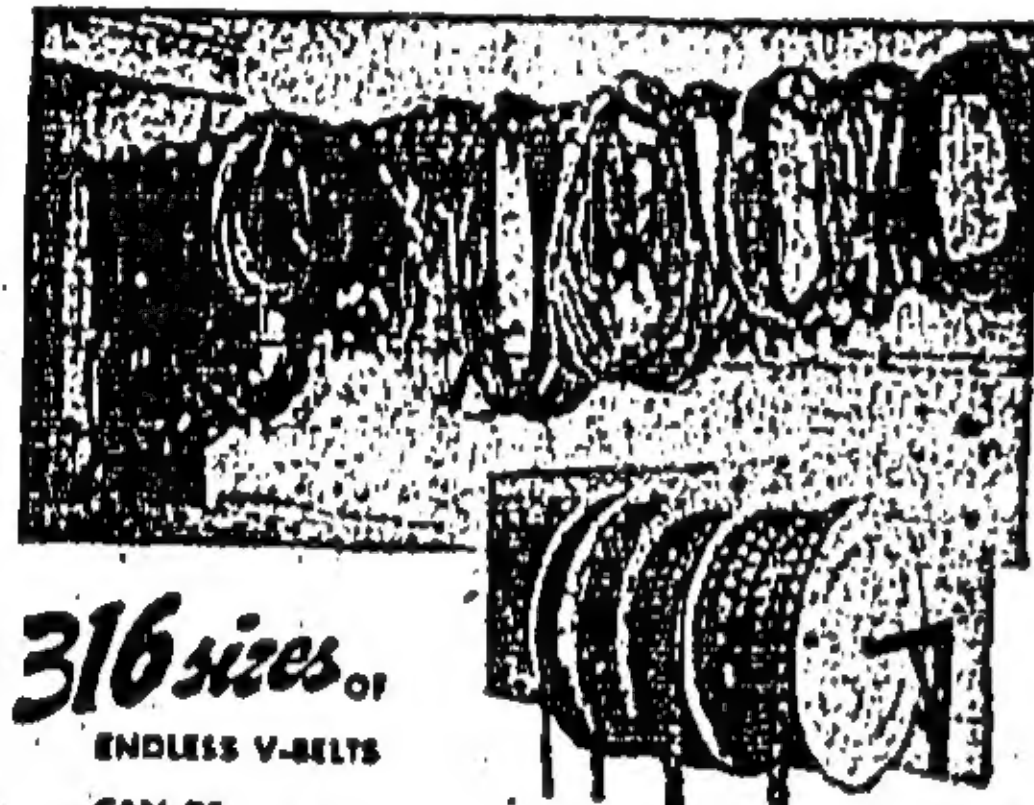
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BRITISH MACHINE TOOLS

How Britain is excelling in the postwar production of highly complex machine tools was amply demonstrated recently when members of the Siamese Purchasing Mission visited the works of the two Manchester firms of H. W. Kearns & Co., and George Richards & Co.

At the H. W. Kearns works the visitors saw the demonstration of a light-weight horizontal boring machine of a type which cannot be procured from any other part of the world. It is big enough to do any job of surfacing, boring, milling or drilling likely to be needed in automobile repair shops and all small components in railway workshops. It is also small enough and light enough to be shipped in a single packing case ready for erection on the floor of the works where it is to be used. It needs only connection with the electric mains supply to go straight to work.

This light-weight machine has brought orders to Britain from all parts of the world including the United States. It weighs less than a ton and a half but will drill a hole an inch in diameter into cast iron at a rate of half an inch per minute.

Members of the Mission saw the simplicity of its operation. The machine is started and stopped by push buttons. The total range of the speeds to the main spindle is controlled by the rotary switch and one lever. Push buttons start and stop table feeds for longitudinal and transverse motions. Changes of speed are obtained by one lever.

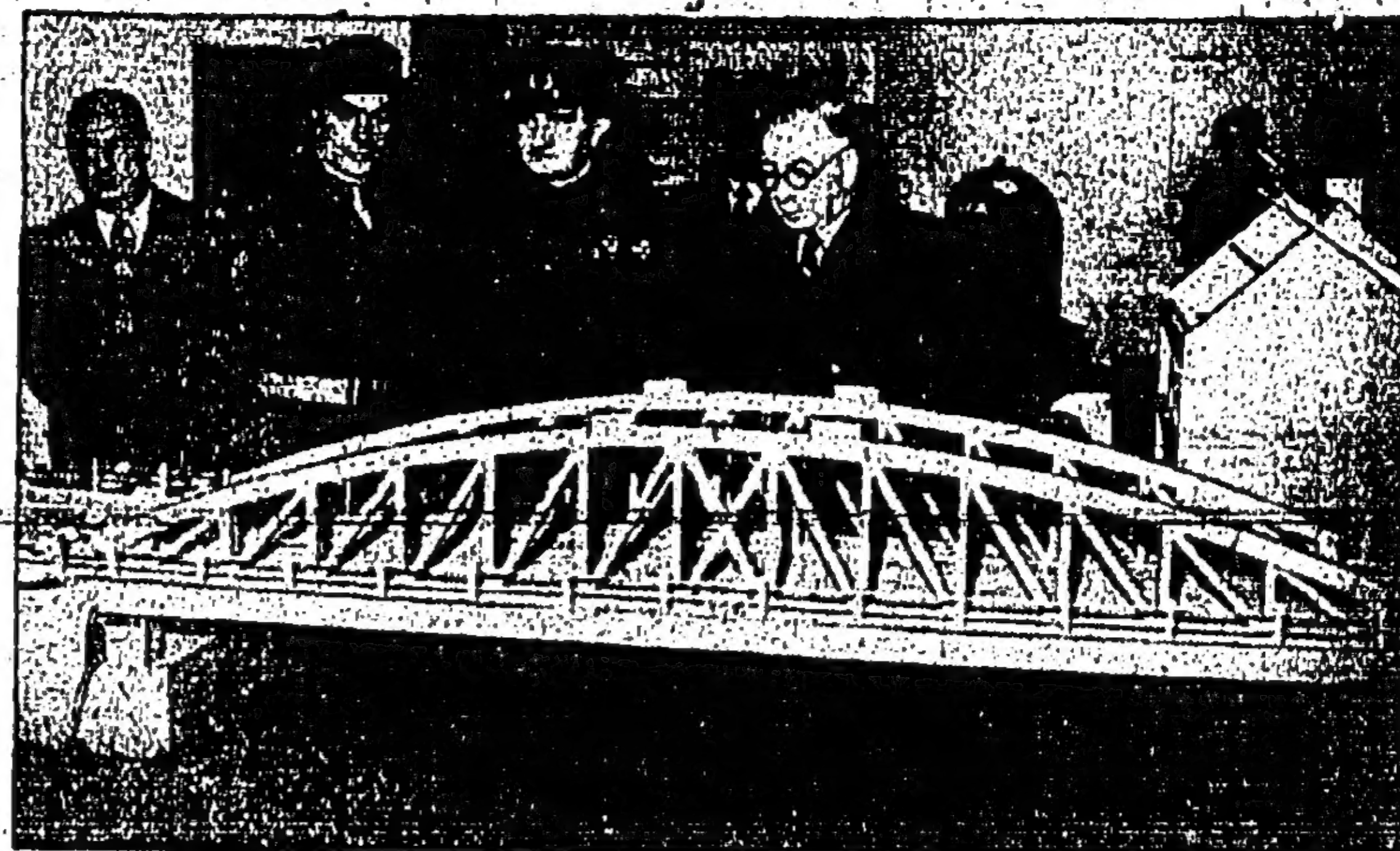
Among the countries which have already bought small type boring machines is Colombia but the same factory has had a long connection with the Far East. Orders are now in hand for Hong Kong, Burma, Malaya and Ceylon in addition to several machines for India Railways.

East year customers included China and most of the countries of Latin America.

At the works of George Richards & Co., members of the Mission were shown the first example of electronic control of a machine tool for shaping and finishing railway wheels. They saw it skimming the surface off a railway wheel of hard steel at the rate of 240 feet per minute.

The machine is a prototype. Production on a full scale has not yet begun but already some of the leading British manufacturers of railway wheels are eager to install it in order to speed up still further British production for the railways of this country and the rest of the world.

The Managing Director said that one of the minor problems his experts are trying to solve before they go into full production is that of the waste steel which flies from the cutting tool too fast to be easily disposed of. The advantage of the machine is that it cuts time for machining a wheel to about half the time required by older machines. This great increase is obtained by adoption of the knowledge of electronics gained by British industry during the war to peacetime uses.



Sergeant-Major James Lambert, M.M., explains a model of a construction bridge to Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Minister of Defence, and Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff. The exhibition is part of a recruiting campaign to increase the nation's auxiliary services.

WIND-TUNNEL BUILT TO TEST MODEL BRIDGE

Inside a specially-designed wind-tunnel at Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England, Mr. Alfred Barnes, Britain's Minister of Transport, recently saw demonstrations of the effect of wind forces on a 52 ft. model bridge.

In the first demonstration, a form of bridge dock similar to that of the ill-fated Tacoma Narrows which culminated in the State of Washington, USA, was used, and the alarming vibrations which culminated in the destruction of that bridge in 1940 were reproduced in the model.

Then the form of dock construction was changed, and the improvement in the behaviour of the model, compared with that of the first type, was immediately apparent. The experiments now being started will determine the final design of the proposed bridge over the River Severn, which will be the largest suspension bridge in Europe and the third largest in the world.

When the wind blows against a suspension bridge, vibrations may be set up in the platform, which will be communicated to the cables and in turn to the towers. These vibrations can increase in size to a point where the bridge fails completely, unless proper precautions are taken in design.

Aerodynamics

Early in 1946, Britain's Ministry of Transport asked the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research to undertake an investigation into the aerodynamic behaviour of suspension bridges, with particular reference to the design of the proposed Severn Bridge. The work was undertaken in the Aerodynamic Division of the National Physics Laboratory of the C.S.I.R., and since then experiments have been going on at the laboratory at Teddington, near London. Much time has been spent in investigating the behaviour of models of short lengths of deck platform. From these, it has been possible to select certain types of construction, because they proved to be unsafe even in normal wind conditions of frequent occurrence. Gradually the form of construction most likely to be safe was determined; the next step was to build a complete model bridge, so that the results of the sectional trials could be finally checked. A special wind tunnel had to be built for the full model tests, for no tunnel big enough to take the model existed in the United Kingdom. A model of the tunnel itself had to be made and tested to determine the precise shape and details of construction; this having been found, construction of the tunnel itself started in the autumn of 1948, and the work was completed in the summer of 1947. Since then careful observations have had to be made of the air flow in the tunnel, and at the same time construction of the bridge model has been under way.

Test At 140 MPH

The maximum wind speed which could be attained in the tunnel is about 140 m.p.h., but the effect of this on the model is equivalent to the effect of a wind of about 140 m.p.h. on the full-size bridge. This is a high wind speed—much more than has been recorded in Britain—but it is important to investigate safety at moderate as well as high speeds, for the Tacoma Bridge failed in a wind of only 40 m.p.h. A second model will have to be built, in due course, which will approximate much more closely the final design of the Severn Bridge; this will have to incorporate certain changes of detail

and dimensions which work on the present model may show to be necessary, or desirable, in the interests of economy. In all this experimental work, there has been free interchange of information between British scientists and engineers, and their opposite numbers in U.S.A.; research will continue in both countries independently, and in this way each set of results acts to some extent as a check on the other. The knowledge gained will be of great value in the design of long span suspension bridges in all parts of the world.

Ash Disposal By Conveyor

More than 20 locomotives come daily for ash disposal to a plant of novel design built at the Polmadie locomotive depot of the Scottish Region, British Railways. Four locomotives can be dealt with simultaneously at four pits, each 190 feet long.

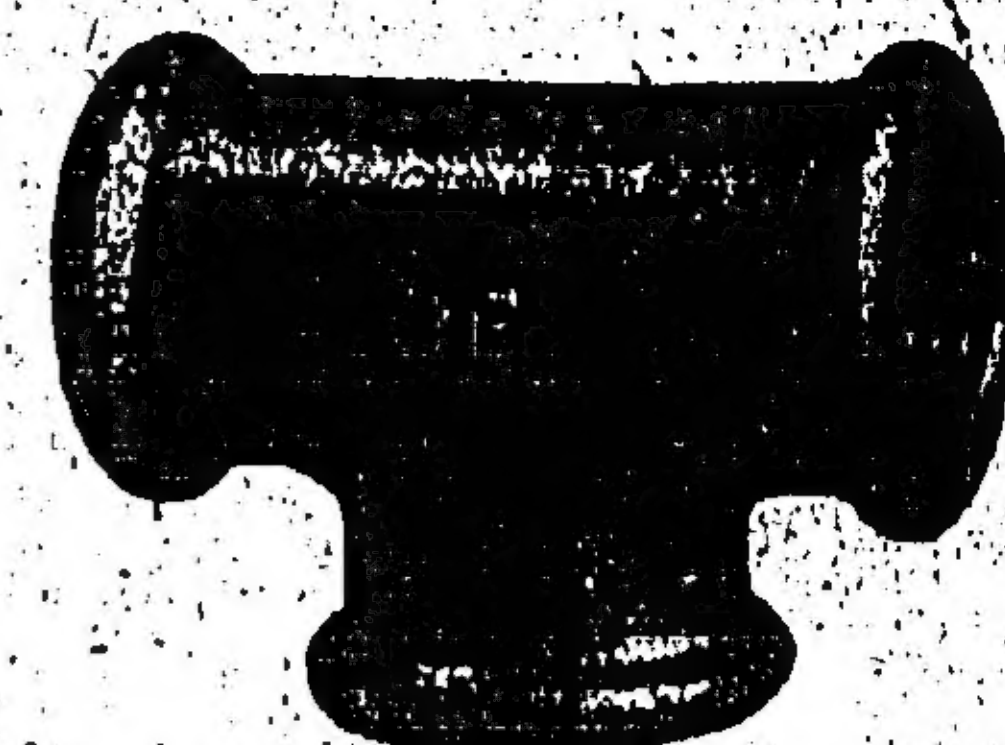
The floor of each pit consists of a series of troughs, which allow the ashes to fall through into reinforced concrete hoppers, containing troughs filled with water to quench the ashes. From each trough the ashes are removed by a conveyor belt which is submerged in the water.

Each belt extends for the full length of the trough, and is driven by an electric motor at a speed of 11 feet per minute; it is carried upwards at one end of a slope, to another conveyor belt operating at right-angles to the line of the troughs. The ashes from this belt are deposited on to an inclined conveyor belt which leads up through a subway in the ground to a height of 50 feet, and are discharged into an elevated reinforced-concrete bunker of 50 tons capacity.

The bunker straddles a rail siding on which wagons are marshalled for transporting the ashes, the empty wagons having been shunted from the cooling plant after delivering coal. The locomotive coaling plant, also of a novel design, is of the skip-hoist type, of 400 tons capacity. It has three bunkers: one for coal suitable for express passenger work; another for coal suitable for local-passenger and fast-freight trains; and a third for coal for shunting and "trip" engines.

The wagon, loaded with coal, is placed on a tippler table, which is then tipped sideways to discharge the coal into a steel container or skip of 22 tons capacity. The skip is hoisted to the top of the plant and traversed by a carriage which brings it over the ash-siding, where it is tipped to discharge the coal into a steel container or skip of 22 tons capacity. The skip is hoisted to the top of the plant and traversed by a carriage which brings it over the ash-siding, where it is tipped to discharge the coal into a steel container or skip of 22 tons capacity.

The coal is fed out of the numerous bunker outlets by finger feeders which are electrically driven, and are capable of supplying coal at a rate of between 20 and 120 tons per hour. The ash-handling plant has been built by the John Thompson Engineering Company, Wolverhampton, in the English Midlands, and the coaling plant by Mitchell Engineering Limited, Farnborough, Northamptonshire.



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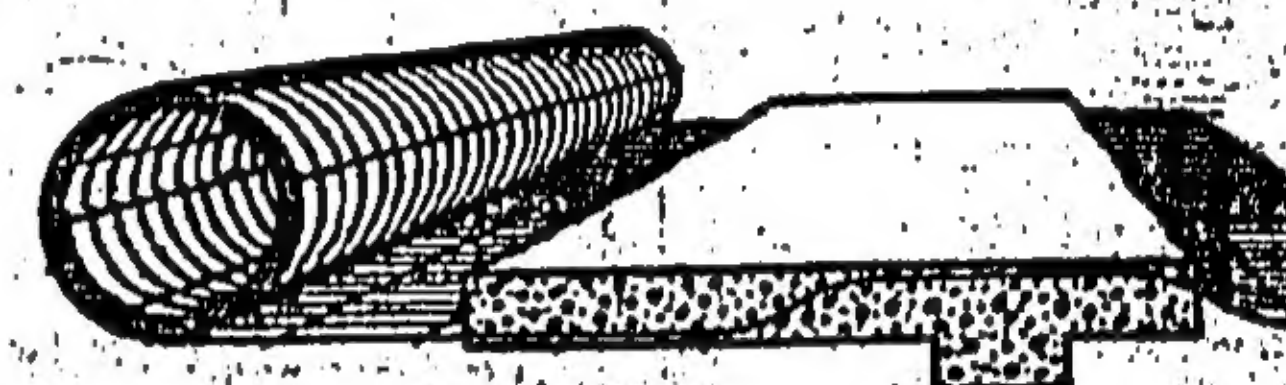
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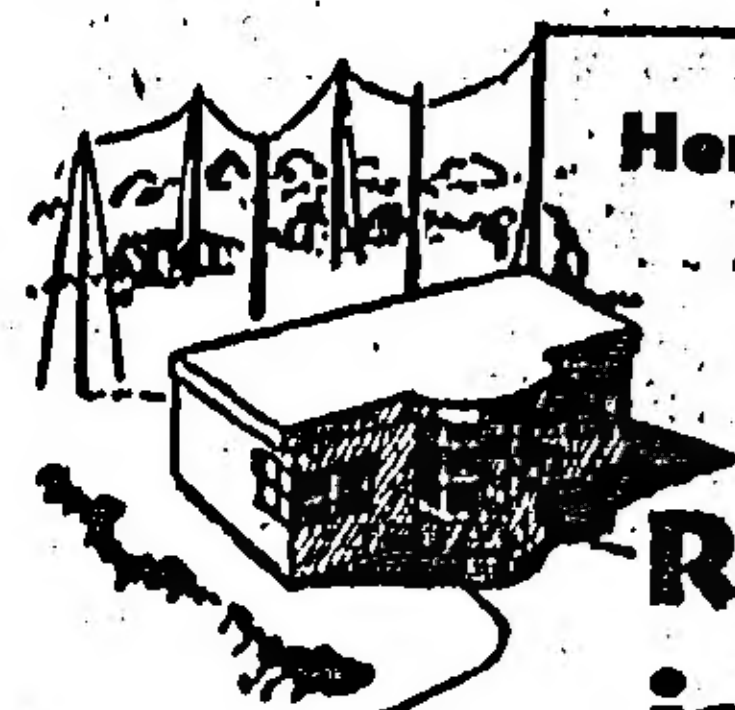
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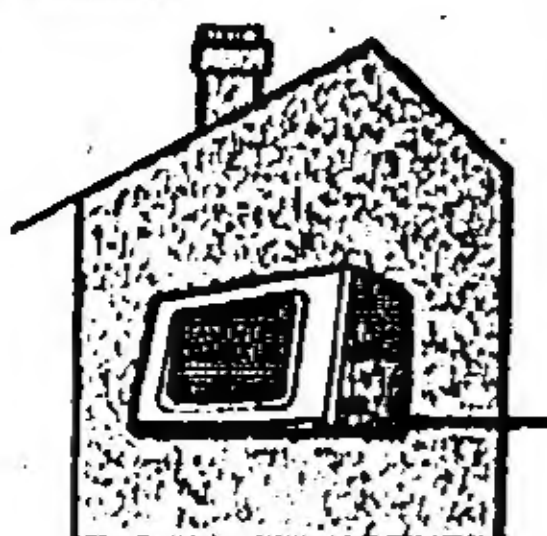


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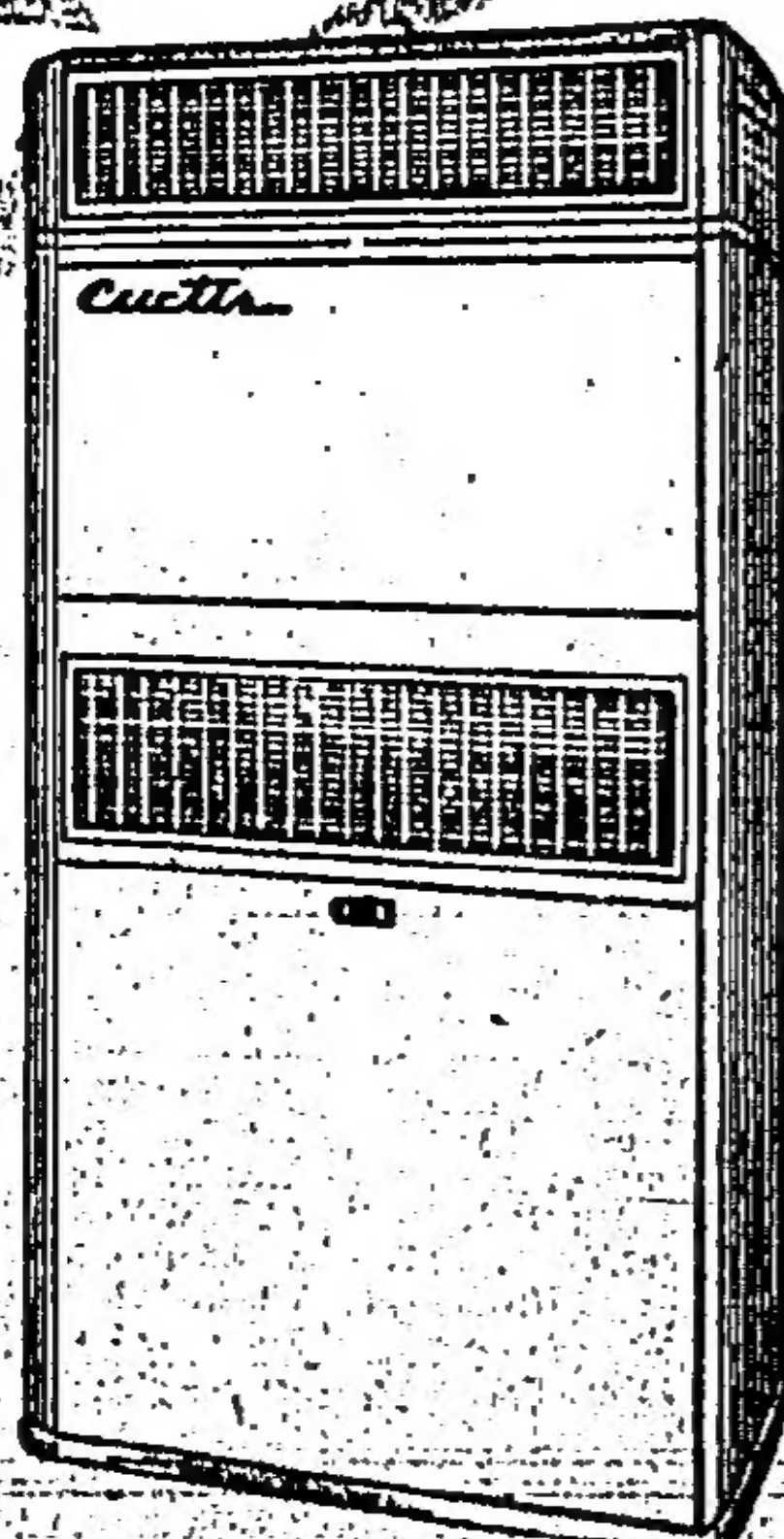
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BEVIN SAYS MARSHALL PLAN NOT DIRECTED AGAINST RUSSIA

No Television In Motor Cars

Chicago, January 25.
The National Committee for Traffic Safety today appealed to all State Legislatures to pass laws banning television in motor cars. Legislation outlawing vehicle video already is in force in eight states. A bill introduced in the Indiana legislature would ban a television screen which can be viewed by the driver.

ARMY THREAT IN PORTUGAL?

Lisbon, January 25.
Portugal's War Minister, Lieutenant Colonel Santos Costa, declared tonight that if a revolutionary atmosphere develops out of the current Presidential election campaign, "the Army will have a word to say."

The candidates in the election, to be held on February 13, are 10-year old Marshal Anthonin Oscar Carmona, the Government Party (Uniao Nacional) incumbent since 1926, and 61-year old General Luis Norton de Matos, who demands free elections for a National Assembly which would draw up a new Constitution.

General de Matos has described his candidature as a fight against the present regime in Portugal, to establish democracy.

—Reuter.

ECA SUPPLIES STILL FLOWN INTO PEIPING

Peiping, January 26.

America's ECA brought a plane load of medical supplies today for free distribution to hospitals and clinics in this Communist controlled city.

The supplies, consisting mainly of penicillin and sulphadiazine, will be distributed by an ECA panel of Chinese doctors.

No Insignia

The plane, which was chartered by ECA from the China National Aviation Corporation, did not bear the usual CNAC insignia.

Captain Raymond Bowes, of Buffalo, New York, who piloted the plane here from Shanghai via Tientsin, said this was because it was under ECA charter.

In Peiping, all Nationalist arms and ammunition were being concentrated in depots for handing over to the Communists, who are

still pulling wires from behind the scenes.

The Reds apparently do not intend to come into the open until the joint administrative committee, consisting of four Reds and three Nationalists, is formally installed. Various Nationalist organizations, such as the Chinese Government Information Office, still are under their original direction. J. C. Sun, who was appointed director of this office when the siege began, is in a plight which typifies that of many other officials.

Bleak New Year

He so far has not received any funds to pay himself and his staff, who consequently face a bleak Chinese New Year.

Censors are still those which the Nationalists appointed when they instituted censorship in Peiping on January 1, but they are quite lackadaisical about their work.

They take three or four hours for lunch or dinner while correspondents fume and fret and their messenger boys wait restlessly.

A Nationalist official apologized for them by saying: "Of course they are demoralized. I suppose we all are."

Communist currency has yet to itself, though it circulates freely make its appearance in Peiping outside the city.

Money Market

Dealings in United States currency, gold bullion and silver dollars have been brisk since ceasefire day, January 22, with wide and rapid fluctuations.

Everyone is trying to guess what rates of exchange the Communists will establish, and every rumour on this subject, of which there are several a day, disturbs the market.

Many different types of Communist currency are in circulation in Hopei Province apart from Peiping, and as each has a different value, confusion is very great. —Associated Press.

Sydney, January 25.
A 15-foot coke under a Sydney bowling green, which caught fire two months ago, was still burning today despite attacks on it with thousands of gallons of water, tons of sand and a bulldozer. —Reuter.

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Claims Only Aim Is Salvation Of Europe

London, January 25.

There was never any idea behind the Marshall Plan to create a means in which "we could build a force to defeat the Soviet Government some day in the future," Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, told a luncheon of the Foreign Press Association in London today.

"I was extremely sorry that the Russians could not see or seize the opportunity that the Marshall Plan and the subsequent developments of a European group offered to the peace of the world," he said.

Raising his voice, the Foreign Secretary said: "They seem to assume that all we were doing was trying to create a kind of barrier or a means by which we could build a force to defeat their Government some day in the future."

"Now I assert with all solemnity that that never entered our heads. Our one object was to give happiness, contentment and a decent standard of life to the masses of Europe who had suffered from the terrible attack that had been made upon it."

Declaring that the Organisation of European Economic Co-operation was not merely a Committee for the Marshall Plan, Mr. Bevin said it was a "continuing organization intended to go on after the United States assistance had ended."

"I am not going to claim that we all agree about the four-year plan and that everything is rosy," he said. "But I am quite convinced that we are creating what I call a European mentality instead

of a French, British, Scandinavian and Benelux mentality."

"If Europe is to be saved, it has to be in the end one entity, and it must be together."

There were two ways of achieving this, Mr. Bevin said. One was political and functional. If they could get transport and basic industries on a European basis, they could go a long way to creating the economic situation that made a political union possible.

The Atlantic Pact offered an assurance to Western Europe. If such a pact could have been devised in 1919 and "given France the assurance to which she was entitled," the second World War might never have started.

Denying the assumption of "a lot of disturbed minds" that Britain was opposed to European Unity, Mr. Bevin said with emotion that he would regard it, if his health spared him, as the crowning event of his life to establish European Unity on a sound, definite and progressive basis.

What he wanted to avoid was "a mere talking shop for passing resolutions."

Mr. Bevin said: "What I want is a practical organism in Europe in which we shall cease to be English and French, cease to be English and Italian, cease to be English and Belgian, but will be European, with an organism that can carry out a European policy in the face of the new development in the world."

"I appeal to all my friends in Europe that if we give Europe a new organism, let it be a real organism that will not lead to further disillusionment."

"We must not fall again in Western Europe in any organism that we create." —Reuter.

Growth Of U.S. War Materials

Washington, January 25.

The Munitions Board today revealed that the nation's stockpile of strategic war materials had been expanded rapidly in recent months and was now almost completed.

Pressure turned on the programme when the cold war with Russia was at a high pitch. At that time, President Truman went before Congress to call for renewal of the draft, a bigger Air Force and other preparedness measures.

The chairman of the Munitions Board, Mr. Carpenter, reported that the stockpile now contained US\$1,445,000,000 of materials. Some of the materials are surplus stocks left over from the war, but an amount has been bought since the war ended.

The programme, started in July, 1946, calls for accumulation of a \$693,000,000 stock which, at the present rate of spending, may be reached around January 1, 1953.

A Board spokesman said the troubled international situation had made it necessary to step up purchases even though buying had taken a sizable part out of the country's supplies of lead and copper. —United Press.

Strings Tied To Russian ECA?

London, January 25.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that the British Government will watch with interest to see if any political strings are attached to the new Economic Council for Eastern Europe.

He was commenting on the Moscow announcement that Russia and other East European countries, except Yugoslavia, had established a Council for Mutual Economic Assistance. The exclusion of Yugoslavia from the "Soviet Marshall Plan" certainly provided food for thought from the political point of view, he said. —Reuter.

Pianist Beats Deadline

New York, January 25.

The German pianist, Walter Gieseking, departed at 10.15 a.m. deadline set by the immigration authorities.

Asked by reporters if he was disappointed at returning without a pocketful of dollars, Gieseking said: "I can earn enough in Europe."

He added, however, that he had never been so badly treated in any other country.

"They have been asking for concerts everywhere—in South America, Scandinavia, Portugal, Holland, France—the first time I have not been treated as an artist." —United Press.

Nothing To Fear From Reds?

Geneva, January 25.

Dr. Wu Nan-ju, Chinese Minister in Bern, told the Executive Committee of the International Refugee Organisation (IRO) today that about 6,000 White Russian refugees in China had nothing to fear from the approaching Communist troops.

The Committee was considering a proposal to evacuate the White Russians to the Philippines pending their re-settlement in other countries.

The Chinese delegate claimed that the fact that some White Russians now inside Communist territory had been denied exit visas was not persecution.

The Director General, Mr. William Hallam Tuck, in his report to the Committee, said that most of the White Russians live in very great fear of what might happen to them if there were a radical change in the political situation in China.

He said there were about 1,000 who would be unable to leave because of age or infirmity, and another 1,000 who will not wish to leave Shanghai.

The remaining 4,000 White Russian refugees "are living in a state of mind bordering very closely on panic," he said.

He disclosed that some of the Jewish refugees there had asked for visas to Germany and Austria, and that between 3,000 and 4,000 will be moved to Israel. —Associated Press.

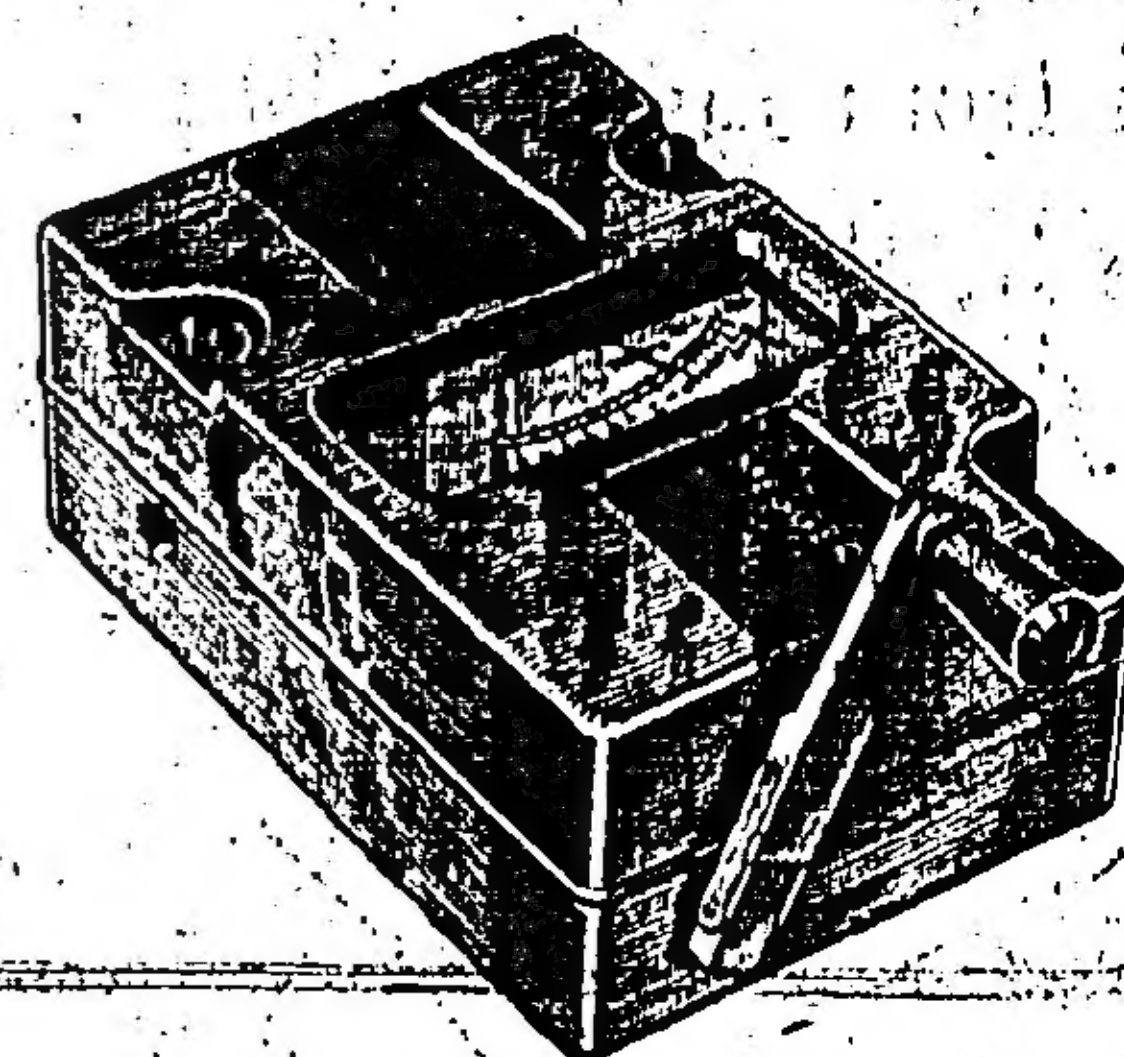
ITALY RECOGNISES ISRAELI GOVT

London, January 25.

Italy today became the 24th country to recognise Israel.

The decision to grant de facto recognition was made by an Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman. —Reuter.

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INDIA REGARDED AS POWERFUL INFLUENCE IN WORLD AFFAIRS

Washington, January 25.

India has served notice that it intends to wield a powerful influence in world affairs, Mr. Price Day, the Baltimore Sun expert on Asian affairs, writes today.

This interpretation of the developments at the two-day Asian Conference approximates that widely entertained among diplomatic observers here.

Mr. Day says that considering the situation in the East Indies as seen through Asian eyes, the demands of the conference may be considered minimum demands—remarkable only in their moderation and in the way they were presented.

Furthermore, the demands were made not as an Asian cry of protest against the rest of the world.

In both these facts could be discerned the guiding hand of India and more particularly the influence of the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, who has now taken India openly into a bid for leadership in Asia.

"Australia, however, hopes to become a highly industrialized country with its markets in the East. It is also conscious of the fact that its security is closely tied to the security of Asia.

"The other countries are all concerned or have been concerned in recent times with the problem of foreign influence; and it might also be noted they are countries which do not fit comfortably into the concept of a world divided between East and West, meaning essentially the United States and Russia.

"Mr. Nehru sees three great divisions, East and West, as used above, and Asia. Further, he sees Asia as comprising three regions, Eastern Asia or China, Western Asia or the Islamic countries, and Southern Asia, composed of India and the small nations of South East Asia.

"The Indian area, he believed, can act as a stabilizer and guide for the whole.

Discovery Of Rhodes Relics

London, January 25.
Treasures valued at £1,000, including diamond earrings and gold pencils, have been discovered in a safe behind a secret panel in St. James Palace.

In addition, the safe contained relics of Cecil Rhodes, the founder of Rhodesia.

The discovery was made by workmen in Selwyn House, the home of Lieutenant Colonel Stan- ton Starkey of the Grenadier Guards.

Colonel Starkey immediately telephoned the Honourable Mrs. Rochford Maquire, 70-year old widow of one of Cecil Rhodes' chief lieutenants during the Boer War and a former occupier of Selwyn House.

Mrs. Maquire, however, told her the safe was empty and the key had been lost. Colonel Starkey thereupon had the safe forced open and the treasures taken to Scotland Yard.

The Rhodes relics included telegrams sent by him when he was besieged by the Boers at Kimberley.—Reuter.

MP DEPARTS FOR PALESTINE

London, January 25.

Mr. Walter Elliott, Conservative Member of Parliament and former Minister of Health, is to leave for Palestine tomorrow by air to study conditions on the spot.

He will stay in Palestine for a week or 10 days.—Reuter.

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Communism And Colonialism

Manila, January 25.
Brigadier General Carlos
Romulo, the Philippine de-
legate to the New Delhi
Conference on Indonesia,
said here today that Com-
munism was "far more per-
nicious than colonialism."
"I think one of the most im-
portant achievements of the
Delhi Conference has been
that, by assuming the leader-
ship in East Asia, we have
prevented Communism from
capturing the faith of Asians
by default," he added.—
Reuter.

UN DEFERS ACTION ON U.S. PROPOSAL

Lago Success, January 25.

The United Nations Security Council again deferred action on the fastening Dutch-Indonesian quarrel today as the Asia conference nations stepped up their campaign to toughen the American-inspired settlement proposal.

Egypt, India and the Philip-
pines, criticising the four-nation
resolution as far too easy on the
Dutch, urged the Council to
take sterner action along the
lines laid down by the unprece-
dented 19-nation New Delhi
meeting on Monday.

United Nations observers pre-
dicted that the resolution
of the Asia conference nations
would open the way for some
amendments bolstering the pro-
posal put forward jointly by the
United States, Norway, Cuba and
China.

Excessive Leniency

The Egyptian delegate, Ma-
homed Fawzi Bey, accused the
Council of excessive leniency to-
ward the Netherlands, and it was
reported that Egypt might bring
in toughening amendments when
the Council resumes the debate
on the Indonesian tangle on
Thursday morning.

In any case, despite the Egyp-
tian attack on the current draft
and whatever the fate of any
amendments, it was considered
likely Egypt would in the end
back the four-nation plan and

Capitulation

Mr. Vassily Tarasenko of the
Ukraine sharply attacked the
whole proposal, calling it a "re-
solution of capitulation."
American delegation sources
remained confident that the pro-
posed resolution would pass when
it finally reached the vote-per-
haps on Thursday.

It was expected that the Egyp-
tian would vote against it and
that Russia, Argentina and France
would abstain, leaving the plan
with just enough supporters to
pass.

The Egyptian delegate urged
the Council to give the Committee
of Good Offices power to order
Dutch troop withdrawals from
Republican territory instead of
merely recommending with-
drawals as provided in the blue-
print as it now stands.

Sir Benegal Rau of India
paid particular
attention to the four-nation
time-table for transferring sove-
reignty of the Dominion type
to the United States of Indonesia
by July 1, 1950. He urged in-

U.S. Pleased With Delhi Conference

Washington, January 26.

A U.S. State Department official with wide know-
ledge of South East Asia said informally
yesterday that he and his associates are
pleased with the outcome of the New Delhi
conference on Indonesia.

"The decisions reached in
New Delhi seem to parallel the
United Nations and should
strengthen the latter's efforts
to solve the Indonesian prob-
lem," this official said.

He declined to indicate the
Department's official position on
the New Delhi meeting, saying
this would be stated before the
UN Security Council.

He said: "It is good the New
Delhi meeting did not under-
take to consider other issues
independently of other nations
which also are concerned."

He expressed the belief that
the Conservatism shown in New
Delhi "will contribute to further
unity among all nations seeking
a Democratic solution for world
problems."

Referring to the resolution the
New Delhi conference sent the
Security Council about Indone-
sia, the New York Times said
editorially: "The resolution is
milder than many people expect-
ed it to be. An item which the
Dutch will find difficult to accept
is that calling for military re-
treat from positions they now
occupy. But whatever they choose
to do now, they know that their
Indonesian policy has been con-
demned not only by a majority
of Western nations, but also by
representatives of more than
half the human race, meeting at
New Delhi."

The Times said caution charac-
terized the New Delhi meeting,
and under the circumstances,
caution was understandable.

The newspaper gave these rea-
sons:

stead that the Council adopt the
Asia Conference schedule for
granting independence to the
Indonesians by January 1, 1950.

Sir Benegal warned the Dutch
that they had no chance of win-
ning out in the rich Pacific Is-
lands "when the 19 nations of
the Asia Conference, and the Uni-
ted States Government and pub-
lic opinion are behind the
guerrillas."—United Press.

"One great Asiatic nation,
Japan, still is occupied territory.
Another, China, seems to be in
the final agonies of civil war.
Communism is marching South-
ward. We do not know, and the
New Delhi conference did not
know, where it will be defeated,
or what effect its victories in the
Far East will have on the future
of Asia. The answer to Com-
munism in the 'ancient' home-
lands of the human race lies,
as elsewhere, in building De-
mocratic systems."—Associated
Press.

Fire Razes Buddhist Treasures

Nara, January 26.

Thirteen hundred-year old
Horyu-ji temple, one of Japan's
national treasures, was damaged
by fire this morning.

The blaze, which started on the
roof of the main hall, destroyed
11 of 12 ancient world famed pic-
tures of Buddhist parades.

The temple was built in 588—
597. Various additions were made
throughout the ensuing centuries.
Pictures of Buddha and his en-
tourage were painted as murals on
the clay-coated mud walls of the
temple, which is believed to be
one of the oldest wooden struc-
tures in the world.

The fire did not damage the
temple's 800-year-old lecture hall
or the 500-year-old South Gate.
The fire started from an over-
heated fluorescent lamp which
was being used as illumination by
painters copying the murals.

One Japanese reaction to the
fire was:
"The Americans avoided bomb-
ing Horyu-ji and were careful of
our temples. Then the Japanese
burn it themselves."—Associated
Press.

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WEEKS, AS A MATTER OF FACT. NOW YOU RUN ALONG AND GET READY TO RETIRE.
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"NEWCHANG"	Singapore	27/28th Jan.
"HUPEN"	Korea & Keelung	27th Jan.
"ANHUI"	Swatow & Amoy	29th Jan.
"NANCHANG"	Sourabaya & Sandakan	28/29th Jan.
"YCHOOW"	Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow	29/30th Jan.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	29th Jan.
"FUKIEN"	Japan, Shanghai, Keelung & Takao	1st Feb.

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"FATSIAN"	Sails for Canton 9 p.m. 27th & 30th Jan. Arrives from Canton 7 a.m. 29th, Jan. & 1st Feb.
"WUSUEH"	Sails for Canton 10 p.m. 31st Jan. Arrives from Canton 7 a.m. 28th Jan. & 2nd Feb.
"WUSUEH"	Sails for Macao 2.30 p.m. 29th Jan. Arrives from Macao 5.30 p.m. 30th Jan.

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"ANCHISES"	via Casablanca & Havre	6th Feb.
"CYCLOPS"	via Port Sudan, Genoa & Marseilles	23rd Feb.
"ACHILLES"	via Havre	8th Mar.

Arrivals from

"TANTALUS"	U.K. via Straits	In port
"CYCLOPS"	U.K. via Straits	12th Feb.
"ACHILLES"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	14th Feb.

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Arrivals from

"AJAX"	U.S.A. via Manila	2nd March
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"CHANGTE"	Kure, Nagoya & Kobe	4th Feb.
"SHANSI"	Sandakan, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne	10th Feb.

Arrivals from

"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Brisbane	29th Jan.
"SHANSI"	Sydney, Brisbane & Manila	3rd Feb.

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Woman's Story In Warders' Case

Fung Yuk, wife of Ho Luk, informed the Court yesterday that she made payments to warders from Victoria Remand Prison because her husband had told her if she did not pay up he would be assaulted.

She was giving evidence at the continued hearing of extortion charges against Timothy Din, Gussy Maria dos Santos and Sapto Ahmed, warders of Victoria Remand Prison, and Jose Maria Dias Azedo, a former warder of the same prison. They were charged on 11 counts of demanding money with menaces, corruption in office and conspiracy.

The four were alleged to have obtained various sums of money

from Fung Yuk, whose husband was arrested for receiving stolen goods. They claimed that they were in a position to prevent her husband from being assaulted.

The case is being heard by Mr. Justice Reynolds, Acting-Pulane Judge, Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector D.S. Roberts. The accused are not legally represented.

Fung Yuk, continuing her evidence yesterday, described the various occasions the four accused came to her shop and were paid by her or her folk.

She also told of the arrest of Santos by detectives conspired in her shop and of her identification of Din and Ahmed at a subsequent identification parade.

Tong Yat, shop-folk of Ho Luk, said he saw Timothy Din asking for his mistress in whose instruction he paid Din HK\$50 on August 9.

Two days later Santos came and was paid HK\$20.

On the same day Din and Azedo invited witness to tea and told him Ho Luk was badly assaulted, and suggested that some money should be paid so they could arrange that Ho might not be assaulted. He paid \$10 to Din and \$15 to Azedo. He said he made these payments on the instruction of his mistress.

Further hearing was adjourned to 10 a.m. today.

DECEMBER RUBBER OUTPUT

Details of the December output of the different rubber estates, managed by A. R. Burkill and Sons, Limited, have been released. They are:

	December	to date
	(Pounds)	(Pounds)
Bute	92,300	899,400
Consolidated	121,500	1,424,500
Dominion	89,761	764,658
Kota Bahru	82,000	427,400
Sungei Duri	90,000	487,000
Shanghai Pahang	72,300	300,300
Shanghai Kedah	100,000	414,000
Padang	45,400	203,340
Tanah Merah	115,500	935,501

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Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on the 27th January.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 28th January will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 4th February 1949 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1949.

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Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. on January 28th, 1949.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted, after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 30th, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 20th February, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

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Hong Kong, January 24, 1949.

Photographic Society Holds Meeting

The Hong Kong Photographic Society reported an increase of 15 members on the roll at its Annual Meeting at the Cafe Wiseman yesterday evening.

There are at present 137 names on the active list of the society. During the last year, 46 new members were admitted, of whom one withdrew after election. Due to departures from the Colony, 30 names have been removed from the roster.

The life members of the society now number 27. Mr. Fung Ping-fan was elected President, Mr. Francis Wu and Dr. Ernest To Vice-Presidents of the Society, Mr. L. Jackson and Mr. J. Charles Thompson were elected Honorary Secretary and Honorary Librarian respectively.

Council members are Mr. Lau Cho-chak and Mr. S.K. Yuen. Awards were distributed by Mrs. K. Watson:

President's Cup: Dr. Ernest To; Craftsmanship Cup (Advanced Class): Mr. Lau Yot-fung; Runner-up Cup: Mr. S.K. Yuen; China Mail Cup: Mr. Yeap Shing-fung; Vice-President's Cup: Mr. Jimmy Leung Hoi;

Craftsmanship Cup (Intermediate Class): Mr. Mr. Wing-hung; Special Subjects: (Doors and Windows) Mr. S.K. Yuen; (Babies) Mrs. K. Watson; (Portrait of a Member) Mrs. F. W.

The month's awards went to Dr. Ernest To and Mr. Wong Ching-pa.

A proposal that every member shall send in a minimum of nine 5"x7" prints a year was carried.

ART EXHIBIT

The Hong Kong Art Club's sixth monthly exhibition will be held between 7 and 7 p.m. today at the Helena May Institute. Members of the Club are to send in their exhibits between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Club's annual general meeting will also be held today at 5 p.m. at the Institute.

Notice To Consignees

S.S. "TANTALUS"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on February 1, 1949, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

Agents.
Hong Kong, January 27, 1949.

Notice To Consignees

S.S. "RIVERSIDE"

Arrived at Hongkong January 28, 1949

A General Average has been declared by the Owners of this vessel and Consignees of cargo are required to sign the Average Bond and pay one per cent deposit on the C.I.F. value of their goods before delivery can be effected from overseas or from the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown. Any damaged packages will be examined by our Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke on 1st February 1949 at 10 a.m. Claims will not be recognised unless notified within seven days after completion of discharge.

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Hongkong, January 26, 1949.

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MAIL NOTICE

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS
On Saturday, January 29, 1949, the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be no delivery and no collection from pillar boxes.

On Sunday, January 30, 1949, there will be no delivery of Ordinary Correspondence only at 10 a.m. The General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and other Branch Post Offices will be open from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be one delivery of Registered and Ordinary Correspondence and one collection only from pillar boxes at 10 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

Outward Mails

A surface mail to United Kingdom per s.s. "Haven" will be closed as follows:
Thursday, January 27
GPO-Parcels 10 a.m., Reg. 11.30 a.m., Ord. Noon.
Kowloon GPO-Parcels 9.30 a.m., Reg. 11 a.m., Ord. 11.30 a.m.

This mail is expected to arrive in London on or about February 25, 1949.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 10 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

Closing Times by Air
Canton, (Kowloon GPO) 9 a.m., Noon, 1.30 p.m., (GPO) 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Kowloon and Luchow: Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Kowloon: Airmail for Chungking: Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Lahore, Alexandria, (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria), Rome and London: Kowloon GPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, 9 a.m.

Bangkok, 8 p.m.

Formosa via Takao, 5 p.m.

Brisbane, Ceylon, India, Madagascar, and Europe via London, (Parcels) 5 p.m., (Reg. and Ord.) 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Kowloon: Airmail for Chungking: Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

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Bangkok, 8 p.m.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"TJITJALENGKA" from Shanghai & Amoy 1st Feb.	Sailings to Javaport & Macassar 3rd March.
"TJIBADAK" In port	to Javaport & Macassar 3rd February.
"VAN HEUTSZ" In port	to Swatow, Amoy, Manila 4th Feb.
"TJISADANE" from Macassar & Javaport 4th Feb.	to Javaport & Macassar 17th Feb.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"RUYS" In port	to South Africa 23rd February.

"STRAAT SOENDA" from South Africa, 12th February.	to South Africa, 21st March.
"BOISSEVALIN" from South Africa & South America, 31st March.	to South Africa & South America, 18th April.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America & South Africa, 5th March.	to South Africa & South America, 12th May.

Transshipment cargo on through B/L to Day-Ea-Salaam. Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Dell & Straits 29th Jan.	to Straits & B. Dell 8th Feb.
"VAN HEUTSZ" In port	to Swatow, Amoy & Manila 4th February.

Transshipment cargo on through B/L accepted to Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Departures
"MEERKREK" from Japan, Shanghai 1st Feb.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, 2nd Feb.
"RIJNKEER" from Europe 6th Feb.	to S'hai, Japan via Keelung 8th Feb.

"MELISKER" from Europe Early March.	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid. March.
"MARICKER" from Europe Early April.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid April.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

GERMANS HAVE HIGHER LIVING STANDARD THAN ENGLISHMEN

Frankfurt, January 25.

Things are so tough for the average German middle-class family that another cut in the standard of living will drive it right down to the British level.

London Stock Exchange

London, January 25. There were but few items of interest in the London Stock Exchange today to relieve the gloom and colourless markets. Prices generally held quickly steady at previous closing levels, but some firmness was to be seen in industrials.

Tobacco and textiles responded to small demand and showed improvement; cement shares noticed sale of a few pieces. Iron and steel, however, were inclined lower. Institutional support for very short-dated gilt-edged stocks resulted in fractional gains in these issues. Others remained steady but with a soft undertone.

Foreign exchange brought in buyers of oil shares. Anglo-Iranian were strong, and there was improvement in Anglo-Egyptian oilfields. Central European issues in the foreign bond section moved slightly higher. Foreign rates spent an idle day with few changes of note.

Irregularity was seen in South African mining. Dividend payers were better on small buying, but developers were out of favour and generally easier on dribbling sales from Cape and local operators.

SECURITIES

British Consols, 2 1/2%, 100-10 1/2

Conversion Loan, 2 1/2%, 100-10 1/2

Funding Loan, 4 1/2%, 100-10 1/2

War Loan, 5 1/2%, 100-10 1/2

Victory Bonds, 4 1/2%, 100-10 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

British American Tobacco (of G.L. & Ireland) 5 1/2%

Imperial Chemical Industries 4 1/2%

Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.L. & Ireland) 5 1/2%

TEA SHARERS

Assam Consolidated Tea 2 1/2%

Assam Frontier Tea 2 1/2%

Assam Tea Company 2 1/2%

Dobara Tea Company 2 1/2%

Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co. 1 1/2%

Imperial Tea Company 2 1/2%

MINE SHARES

Burma Corp. 5 1/2%

Crown Mines 5 1/2%

Nanyang Mines 12 1/2%

Head Mines 4 1/2%

Spring Mines 7 1/2%

Sui Nigala 3 1/2%

Tow Tin Co. 1 1/2%

Union Corporation 200/-

OIL SHARES

Royal Dutch Co. 24

Shell Transport & Trading Co. 3 1/2%

SHIPPING

P. & O. Steam Nav. Co. ord. 51 1/2%

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Funding Loan, 5 1/2%

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British Trade In China

London, January 25.

Britain will develop her commercial interests in China whenever circumstances permit, the Overseas Trade Secretary, Mr. Arthur Bottomley, said in a Parliamentary reply today.

But it was not possible to make a realistic assessment of the trade prospects in the present circumstances, he added.

They were eating from a menu which would have surprised and bewildered most Britons, restricted as they are to three-course meals costing no more than \$1.

Not all Germans, of course, can afford to eat at luxury restaurants, where wine is plentiful and food is more near-war standards.

To bring German middle-class family life into perspective, here is a comparison of the guaranteed weekly rations per person in Britain and Germany:

Meat—British about 12 ounces; German four ounces.

Bread—British unlimited; German two and one-half ounces.

Eggs—British eight ounces; German seven ounces.

Sugar—British one ounce; German one ounce.

Milk—British 2 1/2 pints; German 1 1/2 pints.

On the face of it, that would give the British the better of the deal.

But where the German has the edge is in the well-planned and smoothly operating black market where anything is available at any time at a price.

There is nothing remotely resembling it in Britain. The London black market, for example, is not only very small but very hard to find.

Meat on the German black market, which runs wide-open, is 80 cents a pound, all of it, if you can buy. Pork and poultry, especially, are plentiful. Bread is 70 cents a pound, sugar \$1.50 a pound, eggs 30 cents each. Cheese is plentiful and cheap.

A German family of two or three wage-earners, each making \$20 or \$25 a week, which is a good middle-class wage, can afford at least \$12 a month, and often more, on the black market.

The supplement to the regular rations which that provides would make the mouth of Germany's British conqueror water.

A good pair of shoes sells in Germany for about \$10. In Britain the price is closer to \$20.

A good suit in Germany costs about \$45, including the cost of buying coupons for it in the black market. A Briton would be lucky to do as well for \$80.

Maybe it is a good thing that the rubble of war remains and that American, British and French occupation troops still walk the streets of the Western zones of Germany.

Otherwise, Germans reading about conditions in Britain might find it easy to forget who won the war.—United Press.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Rates remain steady though the short session was not productive of a large turnover.

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5 1/2% Loan 100 1/2

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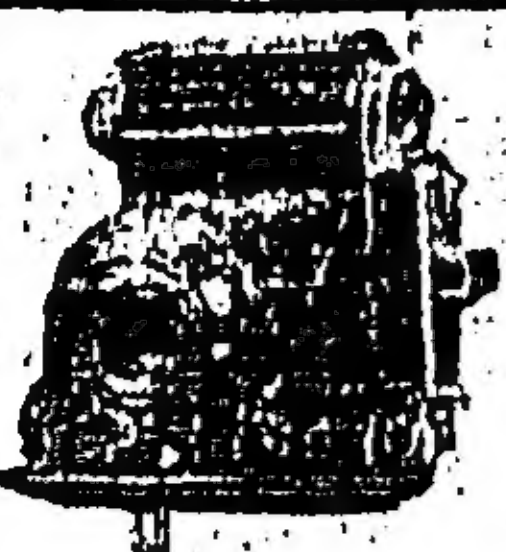
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Chinese May Not Play

The "China Mail" has been informed that Chinese players who have been selected to take part in the soccer games against Saigon over the Chinese New Year holidays have indicated to the HKFA that they will not be able to take part in the games which have been arranged.

Discontent over recent happenings on the field is said to be the cause behind the decision of the Chinese players.

Interport Team From Saigon

The Saigon Interport Soccer XI and officials arrived by Air France yesterday afternoon. They were met at Kai Tak Airport by members of the HKFA Entertainment Committee comprising Messrs. A.J. Hussain (Chairman), J. C. Guimain, Dave Leonard and Teddy Yip.

At 3.30 p.m. a reception in honour of the visitors was held at the Cripps, Hong Kong Hotel, where they were welcomed by members of the Hong Kong Football Association.

The following are the officials and players who arrived: Mr. Goldmann (Team Manager), Mr. Mui (Assistant Team Manager) and Mr. Nguyen Phuoc Vong.

Messrs. Paelini (Captain), Valco, Danh, Quyen, Heli, Nga, Guichard, Dao, Tho, Duc, Trong, Derren, Quoi, Tu and Alexandre.

Korean Eleven Leaving

The Korean Soccer XI, which returned to Hong Kong from Macao yesterday afternoon, is leaving for Korea this afternoon by ss. Kumchun.

While in Macao, the Koreans played a Combined Macao XI in a Charity match and won by three clear goals.

In an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday, Mr. Paul J. C. Hyen, Manager of the Korean team, spoke highly of the sportsmanship of the Portuguese players and of the excellent treatment accorded the team during their brief stay in the Portuguese Colony.

While at Saigon, the Koreans beat Saigon "B" by four goals to two, shared six goals with Saigon "A" and beat Combined Services by five clear goals.

The Koreans played four matches in Hong Kong with the following results: beat Hong Kong 3-2, lost to Combined Chinese 3-2, lost to Non-Chinese 3-2 and beat Hong Kong 4-2.

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(By 'ALCYDES')

Sixteen Fourth Round ties are due for decision on Saturday. Third Division clubs out of the tourney have a full league programme while First and Second leaguers who have been eliminated will be arranging friendly games.

Manchester United, the holders, receive Bradford PA, and it looks like a home win to me. Bradford knocked out the Arsenal last year and have eliminated Newcastle this season, thus assuming a Cup reputation for "giant killing."

Manchester United, however, are a great side and at the moment are joint favourites for the trophy with Portsmouth. Try as Bradford will, I don't think they will overcome the "Carey Gang". Give Manchester to win this tie.

Sheffield Wednesday are due at Preston Park to do battle with Portsmouth. The First League leaders who have only conceded eight home goals, are unbeaten in league games this season, and it is unlikely that the Wednesday will alter events. Everything points to this game being a real thriller with the home side winning a hard fought game.

Derby County are at home to the Arsenal and the former must be confident about the outcome of this tie. They were the only team to take four points from the Gunners last season and have claimed three this season.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Badminton Association yesterday, it was decided that the Colony Open Championships be held again this year.

Entries, which should be submitted through Club representatives, are now being invited for the following events:

Men's Open Singles Championship.

Men's Open Doubles Championship.

Open Mixed Doubles Championship.

Ladies' Singles Championship.

Ladies' Doubles Championship.

Junior Men's Singles.

Junior Men's Doubles.

Junior Mixed Doubles.

Entrance fees are \$10.00 for Men's Singles events, \$5.00 for Men's and Mixed Doubles events, \$5.00 for Ladies' Singles events and \$10.00 for Ladies' Doubles events.

Any resident in the Colony, not being a member of any Club affiliated to the Badminton Association, may enter the Tournament on payment of \$2 in addition to the entrance fees.

Such entries may be made to either of the following:

Mr. David Kwok, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. Sington and Co., King Lung Street, or Mr. M. A. Oliveira, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

Entries close on Friday, February 11 and the Tournament starts on Monday, February 28.

'Y' HOCKEY XI

The following have been selected to represent the European YMCA in a hockey match against Pakistan on Saturday, January 29, on the YMCA ground at 10 a.m.

Clarke, Gibbons, Boycott, D. Ingalls, Readman, Smead, Blenkinsop, A. Ingalls, Lepsey, Robertson and Slater.

Umpire: Gorley. Colours: White.

Interport Team Ready For Macao Game

(By KIMBERLEY)

The Colony's interport hockey XI scored a 3 to 0 win against the Combined Services in a practice game at Sookumpoo yesterday.

To some this may be taken as an answer to the criticism of the hockey selectors' choice, depending upon how one regards the team which faced the Interports.

Yesterday's exhibition of hockey was, for the most part, mediocre, with occasional flashes of brilliant manoeuvres.

The Services' attack their halves combining with the forwards, had their opponents well pegged. They also displayed masterly ball distribution, and were overpowered from scoring only by the activities of Willie Reed at centre half, and particularly by the block defences of both Nery and Singh, permitting Lahl Singh a free line.

In this manner, the ball was vigorously contested over a large area of the field, and for some 20 minutes neither side was able to score.

Settles Down

The interport team then finally got settled, and began to take a larger share of the scoring.

Accused Taken Ill In Dock

Proceedings in the cash sweep, forgery case were interrupted yesterday when the defendant developed abdominal pains while in the dock.

Chinn Ming, accused on four counts of being in possession of forged tickets, was sent to Kowloon Hospital in an ambulance on an order by the magistrate, Mr. A.D. Scholes.

The defendant had been standing in the dock for more than half an hour. There was a pause in the hearing, as the arrival of an important witness was being awaited.

Chau was seen to be disturbed and asked permission to be sent to the hospital.

Less than five minutes after a chair was given to him, Chau was rolling in the dock, apparently in great pain.

Defendant had been suffering from pain in the stomach for the past four days.

Upon learning the condition of the defendant, Mr. Scholes immediately ordered him to the Kowloon Hospital and remanded him for hearing pending his recovery.

Temporary Dismissal Of Jury

The jury was temporarily dismissed yesterday morning at the PWD larceny trial after evidence of the investigation and subsequent arrest of the two accused had been given by Chief Inspector J. Johnston, chief of the Anti-Corruption Branch, and Inspector MacPherson.

The admissibility of the statements made the two accused at the time of their arrest was then considered by the Court in the absence of the jury, after which hearing was adjourned until this morning.

Chief Inspector Johnston stated that he went on August 11 to the PWD workshop at Hung Hom and to the various places where the electrical works had been done. Spary was then told he was being detained for inquiries, as was Kwok, witness stated.

Ler Kwok and Spary were cautioned, witness said, after which they each made a statement. On August 13, witness continued, he charged them with larceny by public servant.

Inspector Johnston further said that he did not have any time use any force or threats with regard to getting statements from the accused.

Inspector MacPherson, of the Anti-Corruption Branch, corroborated the first witness' evidence, after which Chinn Kwok-wing, police interpreter, testified that he interpreted between the police and Kwok Kwong.

At this stage, the jury was dismissed for the day.

Police Hunting For 'Properly Myall Men'

An Australian police patrol is hunting Stone Age aboriginal killers in the remotest interior of Central Arnhem Land, Australia's wild unexplored "Never Never" country in the Northern Territory.

"Civilised" natives derisively describe the tribe in this area as "properly myall" or "stone men."

The killers murdered a legendary native leader, Ralwala, renowned among the aborigines for his battle against exploitation by the whites.

Native canoeists brought the news to a Methodist Mission on isolated Millingimbi Island—"Ralwala dead. Him bin finish."—United Press.

Local Solicitors Form Reform Club

An association registered as the Reform Club of Hong Kong has been formed in the Colony by a group of local barristers-at-law and solicitors.

The first public meeting of the Club will take place on February 25 at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, at 5.30 p.m.

Members of the community interested in the objects of the Club are invited to attend.

The objects of the Club follow: To assist in creating a healthy public opinion and by constructive criticism to assist the Government of Hong Kong.

To devise ways and means of arousing and stimulating interest in public affairs in the Colony and its Dependencies.

To do everything possible by constructive criticism to bring about improvement in the machinery of Government of Hong Kong and to aim always at increasing the real prestige of the Government.

To devise ways and means of ensuring closer contact between Government and the citizen.

To devise ways and means of revitalising and remodelling the Legislature with due regard to the present necessity for a Government majority.

To do everything possible to foster and maintain an effective opposition in the Legislature.

To do everything possible to assist Government and Legislature in grappling with the exceptional circumstances of Hong Kong so that they will at all times command general public support and approval.

To assist the Legislature of the Colony by ensuring that at all times it shall be fully informed of public opinion on all aspects of current problems, and while recognising the present necessity for a Government majority in such Legislature, to use all means available to ensure that the Unofficial Members of the Legislature are able to speak for and adequately represent public opinion.

To do everything possible to find and encourage ability in public affairs.

To support always reasonable freedom of speech.

To provide a platform for persons anxious to advocate sound constructive reform.

To take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that responsible public opinion in Hong Kong is adequately represented in the Mother Country and to arrange for and maintain a direct liaison through a Member or Members of Parliament.

To devise ways and means of ensuring constructive criticism of the Colony's budget requirements.

To advocate a generous educational system and give open and organised support to such well considered schemes of social amelioration as seem practicable.

To endeavour by speech and writing and all possible constitutional means to advocate the aims of the Reform Club of Hong Kong.

To consider affiliation with public bodies of like aims and objects.

The Club has been incorporated in Hong Kong with its registered office on the third floor of Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, Central.

Members of the first Committee are Mr. C.E. Loeb (Chairman), Mr. E.A. Calver, Messrs. Brock, Harcourt, E.C. Clome, J.M. D'Almada Remedios, Y.K. Kan, Ma Man-fai, R. Pestonji, C.A.S. Russ, the Reverend Mr. George She, M.A., da Silva and T.A. Martin (Honorary Secretary).

Applications for membership may be made to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. J.L. MacIntyre.

VICKY DRAVES HONOURED

New York, January 26, (AP)—Victoria Mabel Draves, Los Angeles, of Philippine ancestry, yesterday was named to the platform diving position on the 1948 all-American women's swimming team of the American Amateur Athletic Union—Associated Press.

BRITAIN LOOKS FOR ANOTHER TOMMY HANDLEY

London, January 26.

Britain's top radio shows began an intense competition among themselves this week for the coveted position at the top of the popularity poll left vacant by the death of Tommy Handley, the nation's Number 1 Air Jester. Handley, mourned with the headlines and ceremony reserved for great national figures, took his weekly "Itma (It's That Man Again)" show with him to the grave, leaving a big gap for the British Broadcasting Corporation to fill.

With 20 million fans seeking a new favourite, other radio comedians tightened up their scripts and put extra zest into their acts.

The British Broadcasting Corporation, spending £2,134,000 a year on its artists and speakers, is silent about what it pays to individual stars. But Handley is believed to have been the highest paid comedian, with an income somewhere between £10,000 and £15,000 a year.

Visitors from other countries who listen to Britain's regular radio shows may find it difficult at times to appreciate the humour that sets studio audiences rocking. Comedians have found that the handle-bar moustache now worn by so many young men in this country is a sure mirth provoker. It has now practically replaced the sausage as the professional comic's standard.

Each radio show has its own set of catch phrases which have passed into the national language. People for the apparent reason adopt a lugubrious voice and say: "It's going to be a cheerful day, isn't it?" or "What does it matter which you do as long as you're up?" the fault is not too far from psychiatrists but too many radios.

Water-Logged Spa

The show most closely resembling "Itma" in its pattern is "Water-Logged Spa," a 30-minute weekly programme.

IRC-1st XI

The following have been selected to represent IRC 1st XI in a league cricket match against the Royal Navy, at home, on Saturday, January 29, at 1.45 p.m. sharp:

A.R. Abbas (CAPT.), A. Al-Arculi, A.K. Ismail, S.A. Ismail, A.R. Kitchell, S.H. Khan, A.H. Madani, K. Nazarin, I.M. Omar, M.I. Razack and A.R. Suftlad.

Reserve:—M. Samy. Umpire:—C.M. Butt. Scorer:—A.M. Wahab.

IRC-2nd XI

The following have been selected to represent the IRC 2nd XI in a league cricket match against Navy on the Navy ground on Saturday, January 29, at 1.45 p.m. sharp:

A. H. Baker (Capt.), I. Ali, T. A. Ebrahim, A. Ebrahim, A. R. Razack, A. K. Markar, A. M. Rumi, M. A. Wahab Sr., M. A. Wahab Jr., S. K. Khan and T. H. Barma (Scorer).

SCAFFOLDING COLLAPSES

The scaffolding of the new building of the Hong Kong Telephone Company being constructed at the junction of Cameron Road and Nathan Road, collapsed last night.

Workmen on duty escaped but four women workers were slightly injured. They were discharged from the Kowloon Hospital after treatment.

FILIPINO CLUB MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Filipino Club will be held on Sunday at the Club's premises, King's Park, at 1.30 p.m.

The Club's statement of account which will be presented for consideration at the meeting shows an excess income over expenditure of HK\$4,625.98 as compared with HK\$120.71 the previous year.

The annual report says that membership now totals 174.

BOAC SALE

Two of the fleet of BOAC flying-boats have been sold to the makers, Short Bros, and Harland, Limited, of Belfast. It was officially announced yesterday.

The sale is in addition to the 12 flying-boats sold to the Aquila Airways of London and Southampton.

Weighing about 30 tons each, the double-decker flying-boats were introduced to aid in keeping open the Empire air routes during the war. Each of the Hythes have flown an average of 1,000,000 miles.

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